

St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church  
Parish Pastoral Council  
June 8, 2023 - In Person & Zoom meeting @ 7:15

Attendance: Meg Schon, Jen Joensen, Josh Harry, Susan Grebasch, Jason Richards, Mirka Deza, Brain Werner, Randy Gomez, Fr. Ken, Fr. Ryan, Deacon Don, Deacon Fred, Deacon Matt, Nick Rahe, David Reising

Opening Prayer - Father Ken  
May Meeting Minutes - Approved

New Business:

Faith Formation Update

- VBS - 71 volunteers, 132 participants
- Will need to start getting volunteers signed up for RE soon - hoping to have smaller confirmation classes which will be hosted at catechist houses and then rotation around to students houses to ensure second adult is present; if unable to host at houses, then will host at SLTE
- Awarded \$3,400 grant from Catholic Foundation of SW Iowa to put towards RE curriculum to match that of the school's
- Had final First Communion Mass of the year
- Looking at bringing back Catechist of the Good Shepherd if there are enough volunteer - close to 20 family expressed interest
  - People are interested in volunteering but not many are trained
  - This would be a third RE option, in addition to in-person RE and Family of Faith
- Launching youth group which will be separate from RE - received 39 responses

Knights of Columbus Update

- Innervisions Bottle drive - raised \$1,100

Oxtoberfest 2023

- October 14th
- Will be contacting volunteers from last year - looking for someone who can lead the silent auction
- Looking for new ideas to add to the event this year
  - Will continue bag tournament, stein holding, face painting, balloons
  - Could add in a dessert contest - taste testing

New Parish Council Elections

- Jen's service on council will be concluding
- Will have one spot to fill - will invite interested members in August and vote on new members for September

Committee Updates:

Welcome Committee

- 858 total families
- Will do a review of the database this summer

Social Concerns

- Had 14 people for grief support group - taking a break until August
- Continuing to work on the pregnancy loss group

## Liturgy

- No updates

## Finance

- Budget looks ok - added a few salaries to this budget year
- Currently projected to be \$100k deficit
- ADA - \$30,000 needs to be raised
- Debt reduction donations are being put towards rectory mortgage - on pace to pay off rectory in the next year
- Jimmy stepped down as chair, Kyle Weir is the new chair
- Sent out to bid for north driveway

## Father Ken's comments:

### School

- Will be getting a crosswalk across Weigel at the south entrance - will need to get volunteers to cover the crosswalk
- Traffic flow on northside with new driveway: enter from Weigel and exit via new north driveway
- Jeremy Swim started as business manager
- Parish clean up was last weekend
- Will be near 350 students for next year - currently at 348 students
  - Budgeted for 325 students
  - Most of our teachers are Catholic - all middle school teachers are Catholic
  - Have two sections of every class, except 8th grade has one section

### Budget

- Expected completion of phase 3 construction in spring of 2027 - will start fundraising in approximately 2 years

### Parish Planning

- Welcoming parish
  - Possibly a welcome note from priest - include different things for the new members to join
  - Put a family of the month in the bulletin
- What would draw more people in
  - Card club group in the winter
  - Emphasis on retention
    - Doing more social events and tie in ministry fair
      - Possibly food truck event
      - Add ministry fair to social events
- What can we improve
  - Close the gap between the parish and the school
    - Ways we can do this:
      - Saint of the Month
      - Fish fries
      - Coed volleyball
    - Increase involvement with ministry during Mass
    - Adding a solemn/Latin Mass
    - Will update/revamp website - have money budgeted for this to be done
    - Ministering to young single people

Next Meeting – August 10th

Closing Prayer - Father Ryan