

St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church
Parish Pastoral Council
August 10, 2023 - In Person & Zoom meeting @ 7:15

Opening Prayer - Father Ken

June Meeting Minutes - Approved

New Business:

Faith Formation Update

- VBS - 132 kids attended
 - Parishioner has come forward to lead the program next year - looking into a Catholic program/curriculum
- New RE curriculum this year - will be the same as what the school uses for religion classes
 - Starts Wednesday September 13
- Youth groups (Conquest and Challenge) have launched - 28-30 kids have signed up for the youth groups
- Next Tuesday - meeting regarding Catechist of the Good Shepherd to determine feasibility of starting a program next year
- Family of Faith - having a talk at each Mass this weekend to promote the program
 - Parents meet first Wednesday of the month and then the parents incorporate the curriculum into the home when their schedule allows
- TMIY starts September 7th - 6a-7:30a on Thursday mornings
- Women's Bible Study planning on doing another study this fall
- Deacon Fred doing a series on the Eucharist this fall

Knights of Columbus Update

- Installed new officer team at end of June - Ryan Schon is Grand Knight
- August 14th - working CPID drive at State Fair
- August 28th - family picnic to kickoff new year

New Council Member

- Steven Nosko - interested in joining the council

Committee Updates:

Welcome Committee

- Father Ken has been writing welcome letters to new members starting in June
- 5 new families in June, 11 new families in July
- 794 families total (updated database over the summer)

Social Concerns

- \$12,000 annually to sister parish - St. Martin de Porres
 - sister parish will keep communication open regarding how funds are being allocated

- October - Right to Life Month
- Considering collaborating with the school so that each Tithe of the Tithe will be done together

Liturgy

Finance

- Continue to receive donations through automatic donations in the summer months - June and July do tend to have lower donations which remained true this year
- Continue to receive approximately \$1,300 per month to 'Phase 2' which will all be put towards Future Phase
- Received employee retention credit which was a significant amount of money which will pay for the remainder of the north access road and the rest will be put towards Future Phase
- Raised salaries for teachers this year with plan to continue to increase over the next few years

Oxtoberfest

- Letters have been sent out to business for auction and 5K sponsors
- Plan to do the same time of event as last year - from 11a-4p
- Insurance company will not cover liability of bounce house
- Ideas for use of funds:
 - New missals (3 year subscription)
 - Add confessional lights outside sacristy and confessional
 - Upgrade furniture in sacristy for confessions
 - Overhead awning between kitchen door and garbage - provide cover during fish fry

Father Ken's comments:

School

- 120 students qualified for ESA this year - have received payment from 72 of these students
- All teacher positions have been filled
- Looking for part-time teachers aide
- Have hired a part-time band teacher
- \$6,200 raised for Priest Retirement Center in Ghana following Bishop's visit

Budget

- With regionalization, may request a budget to be submitted in September
- North access driveway has been started - likely will not be completed by the first day of school
 - \$170,000 for driveway

Next Meeting – September 14, 2023

Closing Prayer - Father Ken