

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD PARISH

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

March 5, 2024

Present: Fr. Jeff Lucas, Paulette Widmann, Deacon Ed Horneman, Dianna Armour, Dave Bertram, Bill Bittner, Annette Lynch, Amy Mosbacher, Ann Nelson, Linda Patton, Jesse Sipos

Absent: Fr. Kyle Seyler, Sergio Cortes, Michael Kloecker, Anna Mercatoris

Welcome: Paulette Widmann, 6:00 pm – Council members introduced themselves

Opening Prayer: Fr. Lucas

OLD BUSINESS:

Minutes: Minutes of January 2, 2024, meeting were approved with one correction. (Dianna Armour asked for correction under OPEN FORUM wording “the amount of money that was spent”) Correction noted and changed.

STATUS/UPDATES:

Evangelization and Adult Formation:

Amy Mosbacher reported she has advertised the programs *Catholics Returning Home* in the bulletin starting April 3 – May 8, 2024; and *Jesus & the Eucharist* program scheduled April 11 – May 23, 2024. * The Parish Mission is planned for May 12 – 14, 2024 with Fr. Ben Daghir, Parochial Vicar, Dubois Central Catholic

* Amy reported that a video narrated by the late Monsignor Schauerman posted on Facebook depicting St. Agatha Church history circa 1949-1990 is a very interesting video to watch.

*Eucharistic Revival program, she explained how the program would

be presented as an online video search and present program.

*Paulette Widmann stated the class presented by Fr. Jeff, *The Resurrection*, is fabulous with 57 participants signed up for class. She further stated we are very fortunate to have this available to us.

* Linda Patton had questions concerning the *Faith Formation* sessions and a discussion followed explaining who the program is aimed at, i.e. Middle School parents. Fr. Jeff stated the program is presented each week by Amy Mosbacher.

Religious Education:

Due to illness Sergio Cortes was unable to present. Fr. Jeff reported that Fr. Kyle would be handling the youth group until Sergio is well again. The Confirmation program is set up and all is ready for Bishop Persico's arrival. *First Confession date is scheduled for Saturday, March 23, 2024, at 10am.

Seton School Update:

Fr. Jeff reports that due to the increased number of students enrolled for preschool, a second class is being considered, one full time and one part time. This is a great sign for the school. He reports that testing is going well. Living Stations are scheduled for March 26, 2024, and April 26, 2024, is grandparents' day. The Sports Raffle is slated for April 27, 2024.

Pastorial Planning:

Fr. Jeff reports that the letter was sent to the Presbyterial Council to relegate St Bridget's Church, they are looking into further data. * He has gotten comments concerning the Sanctuary area being too dark. He gave options for painting, changing the lighting or both. Bill Bittner agreed to assist with trying to change the lighting in the area. A lively discussion was held concerning the issue; an explanation of the history of the color choice was provided and the decision to first alter the lighting in the area was made.

Extraordinary Ministers :

Fr. Jeff reported that the process of training and providing the hosts for the extraordinary ministers is progressing very well. It is very important to remember those who are sick.

Facilities Maintenance/Improvements:

Jesse Sipos reported on the replacing the St. Agatha Doors. There was an issue with one of the doors, but it has been resolved and the project is back on track. Jesse gave an update on the installation of the air conditioning units at Seton School in the computer lab and library. This work is to be started once school is out for the year in June. Meadville Plate Glass is to replace windows.

The stone masonry projects for St. Mary's Church includes the fountain, a replacement of 2 blocks in a block wall in the Center, and fascia of the front of the church including power washing. Jesse has contacted Thrush Concrete to complete these projects.

Dave Bertram suggested there are other projects possible to be considered as well. He pointed out leaks in the church and possible damage. He also suggested repointing the face of the St. Mary's Church. There was further discussion on what may need to be done, possible reseal. Further discussion on shingle damage done due to gutter and freezing under the shingles may result in a roofing project for the Center. Jesse will check into this. *Repairs to a refrigerator unit was discussed with a possible repair of a compressor.

Jesse reported on the progress of the St. Brigid statue. He has not heard back from this supplier. He is checking into a possible fiberglass statue as the alternative is very expensive. Discussion followed as to the placement of this statue in the St. Agatha Church. No decision was made.

Inquiry was made concerning the fish dinners. Jesse reports they are going well and running very smoothly. More volunteers are needed to waitress. The sales for the fish dinner are: First week – 470 tickets; Second week – 493 tickets, and Third week – 425 tickets.

Emergency Response Plan:

Paulette Widmann asked if a hardcopy exists on a computer. It was determined that Sue Kelly would be contacted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Scheduled meetings: The Joint council with St. Hippolyte will meet on May 7, 2024, at St. Hippolyte's. The Council will meet at odd months of the year on the first Tuesday of the month. The next regular Council meeting will occur on September 2, 2024, at 6 pm.

OPEN FORUM:

Dave Bertram led the discussion concerning the salvage and auction of the Rectory house. It appears to have no value aside from the stain glass windows. Dianna Armour asked if permission from the Diocese is needed to tear down the house. Fr. Jeff advised that this is not needed. Dave discussed items in the house, will check into a possible estate sale, and report back to Fr. Jeff. The china and linens are to be removed and brought to St. Agatha's.

Paulette asked Dave Bertram about landscaping the area gardens at the St. Mary's. More mulching could be brought in to spruce up all the churches area.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Confirmation with the Bishop Persico is at St. Agatha on March 6, 2024.

The Italian Candlelight Dinner is scheduled for April 13, 2024. The cost is \$25 per person for 80 people. The proceeds from this dinner support the cost of the Pro-life bus.

CLOSING PRAYER