



ST. PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting –August 8, 2022

Elected Members Present: Julie Laurenzi, Christine Forbes, Beth Schick, Michael McGovern, Tom Fobert and Hector Hernandez

Elected Members Absent: Pam Vogt, Rosa Gonzalez and Peter Adams

Ex-officio Members Present: Fr. Sean Harlow, O. Carm. and Deacon Carl Locatelli

Ex-officio Members Absent: Deacon Michael McCabe

Recording Secretary: Deborah Botti

Others Present: None

The meeting began with prayer at 6:47 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting of July 11, 2022, were accepted.

Ministry Reports were provided:

Administration & Stewardship

Nothing to report.

Education and Faith Formation

Nothing to report.

Christian Services

Prayer chain requests have noticeably increased.

Social Activities

Because of the huge jump in prices for food and paper goods, tickets for the Parish Picnic have had to increase from \$10 to \$15. Tickets for seniors and children have increased from \$8 to \$10, and for an immediate family from \$30 to \$35. Hopefully, this will not deter families from attending.

Worship and Spiritual Life

The Youth Ministry was advised that their idea for a fund-raising community yard sale was approved. There is no date yet, but one will be determined soon. The concept is that parishioners will rent the space to sell their goods and the community at large will be invited to shop. Not having outside vendors mitigates insurance concerns. There will be a table from which items donated by parishioners will be sold by the kids. They will also look into selling bottled water and packaged snacks.

Art and Environment

Nothing to report.

Chairperson's Report - Julie Laurenzi

- The Archdiocese wants a security committee and plan; we have the basics of that already in place because of Dennis Branham, head of the security team/archangels. However, the plan needs to be more specific and made known to the parish. It's probably best to hold off on this until after the Ministry Fair when there will be a more accurate picture of the number of safety team volunteers. Dennis will be speaking briefly at Mass about this ministry
- Going forward, monthly Coffee Socials will be targeted for the first Sunday of the month unless coordinated with a special event.
- The Parish Meeting, at which feedback regarding the Sunday Mass schedule will be received, is scheduled for September 11.
 - An observation was made that there could be an influx of Mass attendees after the children return to school, although Religious Education enrollment is down. Because another 50 people regularly attending Mass on Sunday would influence the return to two Masses, should this meeting be delayed?
 - The return to two Masses, however, is contingent upon not only what the majority wants but whether there are enough volunteers.
 - It was decided that the meeting be held but judgment be reserved. It will be made clear at the meeting that many factors will influence the final decision, to be made after the Ministry Fair.
- Ministry Fair update:
 - Parish Council members will be needed to fill in at tables that don't have a representative from the ministry.
 - Sal Lucido will help people enroll in WeShare.
 - Now that Michael McGovern has agreed to present at Mass on behalf of Christian Services, all of the ministries are covered. It might be a good idea to have the myriad facets of Christian Services in the bulletin the week of their presentation at Mass and to let people know there will be representatives in the hall to answer individual questions.
- A Memorial Mass Service has been set for 10 a.m. November 5, the Saturday after All Soul's Day. The first Memorial Mass was last year to honor those who died

during COVID-19. It was decided then for this Mass become an annual tradition to honor those who have passed in the preceding year, and not just those who were buried from St. Paul's. The Consolation Ministry took the lead last year and will do so again this year.

Vicar's Report – Fr. Sean

The multi-parish raffle was successful, earning for St. Paul's more than \$12,000. The drawing is this Saturday, August 13. It would be wonderful to have a winner from our church.

The meeting closed at 7:32 p.m. with prayer.

Next Parish Council meeting will be Monday, September 12, 2022, at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Deborah Botti