

SHP Pastoral Council Minutes

August 23, 2023

Members Present: Fr. Portelli, Dave Poxon (Zoom), John Cantalin, Mark Harris, Renee Benser-Swanstra, John Coleman, Kathy Kazanski

Excused: John Lariviere

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 PM by the Council Chair, Dave Poxon. Fr. Portelli opened the meeting with a prayer.

The Council members reviewed the approved minutes from the June 20, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes.

Updates:

- **K of C Fish Fry**

August 11, 2023 K of C Fish Fry benefited "Friends of the Library". Profits from the 315 dinners will benefit Friends of the Library.

K of C Fish Fry, September 8, 2023 will benefit Big Sisters / Big Brothers.

- **Church Wi-Fi-Proposal**

Wi-Fi-Proposal was returned and looks functionally and financially attractive. Father has more company questions prior to commitment. Currently looking as 6 cameras placed in and outside of the church with a full guarantee offered. A "Wi-Fi-Range Extender Antenna" is planned to allow the church building and current coverage at the Parish Offices. Updates to Wi-Fi progress will be made as the project continues.

- **Evangelus, Formed and Seasonal Book Distribution**

Father reported that Evangelus program offers functionality, low cost, easy transition of data and the migration of data is at no charge.

At this time, the analytic function of Formed (allowing us to know usage of program) is still not good, although Formed has repeatedly told Father that their analytics will improve. Plans are to continue use of Formed for now as well as provide the Seasonal Book distribution to parish members. Sacred Heart's Knights of Columbus Chapter has been approached regarding the possibility of them "sponsoring" (purchasing) these Seasonal Books. We would anticipate needing ~800 books (500 for SHP & 300 for St A.). Book topic will be, Year of the Eucharist.

- **Website overhaul/refresh or Facebook**

More pictures are needed of the completed church renovation before the website can be refreshed. Plans are made to take pictures on Sunday, September 3, 2023, during 8:30 AM Mass. Updating SHP website will soon follow.

New Business:

- **Nomination of new Parish Council Chair, Assistant and Recording Secretary**

John Cantalin volunteered to Chair, Mark Harris volunteer to Assist Chair and Kathy Kazanski volunteered for Recording Secretary.

- **Joshua's House Maternity Home**

Father explained that the city of Clare is the closest Joshua's House facility in our area. In a meeting with Father and members of Joshua's House, it was noted that many of our area Gladwin women travel to Clare for assistance. Joshua's House met with Father to see if a room in our church Activity Center can be used to hold meetings with women in need. After viewing our facility, the Joshua's House office will let Father know if our Activity Center room will meet their requirements, such as restroom and access to meeting room.

- **Scheduled meeting with Diocese**

Father and church representatives are scheduled to meet with members of the Diocese Liturgy Office regarding "circulating water" for the Baptismal Fount, exterior Church doors and replacement of the current marquee. Results of the meeting will be forthcoming.

Next council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 6:15 PM

Tonight's Council Meeting concluded with a prayer led by Fr. Portelli at approximately 6:55 PM

Recording Minutes: Kathy Kazanski and John Cantalin

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