

JUNE 13, 2024
ST. STEPHEN PARISH COUNCIL

Present:

Ron Blaha
Phil & Lynn DiSalvo
Dr. Jim Ford
Jennifer Knapp
Randy Stroik
John & Mary Sullivan

Excused:

Joe Kinsella
Donna Bella

- I. Meeting began with prayer at 6:05 p.m.
- II. Minutes from the April meeting were approved through email.
- III. Old Business
 - A. Inspired/DAA Update
 1. Father shared that we are just over 50% of our goal and will provide encouragement to participate in this year's appeal the weekend of June 22 & 23.
 - B. Automated Chimes
 1. We are waiting to hear back from Chimemaster with an install date.
 - C. Hymnal Update
 1. Approximately 175 (half) of the hymnals have been sponsored. We will continue to collect sponsorships until we reach the number of books ordered.
 - D. Youth Ministry Sweepstakes.
 1. A draft of the letter was shared. Thank you, Randy, for offering to fold the letters for us.
 2. Tickets and envelopes have been ordered.
 3. Our envelope stuffing day is Thursday, June 19, at 4 p.m. at St. Joseph. All help is welcome.
 - E. Parish Council Nominations.
 1. We have eight nominations, and Father will be contacting them this week.
 2. Once we know how many have been accepted, we will proceed with elections if necessary.
- IV. New Business:
 - A. Pastor Plaque Installation
 1. The plaque sharing the names and dates of the "Pastors of St. Stephen" will be blessed and hung on Father's Day weekend.
 - B. Organ Volume
 1. It has been shared that many feel the organ's volume is a bit high on Saturday evenings, making it hard to hear the choir.
 2. We will ask that she reduce the volume.
 - C. Parish Pilgrimage
 1. Father continues to explore the possibility of hosting a Pilgrimage to Italy in June of 2024.
- V. Committee Reports:
 - A. Sacred Worship, Fr. Hennes:
 1. Working on being more proactive with the scheduling.
 2. The Corpus Christi Procession was a success.
 - B. Education, Fr. Hennes:

1. Pacelli Summer Blast is off to a good start.
 2. Interviews for a new president are underway and going well.
 3. STEM Labs are being installed this summer.
 4. There has been discussion about a monthly teen Mass.
- C. Buildings & Grounds, Fr. Hennes, Dr. Ford, & Phil:
1. With the recent rainfall, the water issues are again resurfacing in the Rectory.
 2. Father noted that the wooden doors look a bit worn. Dr. Ford will look into getting us the names of some individuals who may be able to help with this project.
 3. The Notre Dame Project is moving forward, and Phil continues to work on plans to get more realistic cost estimates.
- D. Family Life, Phil & Lynn:
1. The Pancake Breakfast was a success, and lessons were learned for future events.
 2. Looking forward to the Pasta dinner in August.
 3. Discussing after Mass socials.
- E. Social Justice, Fr. Hennes & Kristi:
1. We will be participating in Project Fresh Start to collect school supplies.
- VI. Mission Statement
- A. We took some time to review the mission statement suggestions and agreed to use the following:
Faithful Church members of the St. Stephen Parish Council represent our parishioners in an advisory capacity to our Pastor, helping to establish church priorities and discuss policies in conjunction with the Finance Council and in partnership with the Sacred Worship, Justice & Peace, Family Life, Buildings & Grounds, and Education Committees.
 - B. We will focus more on this statement and our planned Ministry Fair at the next meeting.
- VII. Next Meetings:
- A. June 19, 2024, at 4 p.m. at St. Joseph to prepare Sweepstakes Mailing
 - B. August 22, 2024, at 6 p.m. at St. Stephen
- VIII. Father made a request for continued prayers and patience, and additional prayers for Fr. Arturo as he arrives at St. Bronislava.
- IX. Meeting ended with prayer.