

ST. STEPHEN PASTORAL COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

In Attendance: Fr. Hennes John Sullivan Mary Sullivan
 Phil DiSalvo Ron Blaha Helen Bogaczyk
 Jim Ford

Excused: Jill Miller Lynn DiSalvo

Absent: Jennifer Knapp Donna Bella

- I. Meeting began at 6 p.m. with Prayer
- II. Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted.
- III. Old Business:
 - A. Diocesan Appeal: We fell just a bit short of meeting our goal, parish funds were used to pay the balance.
 - B. Centennial Campaign: pledges continue to come in, working on a document that highlights projects completed, what needs to be done, and review of the finances.
 - C. Diocesan Capital Campaign: Kickoff in January, which includes an additional amount with the hopes that we can do the Notre Dame Center that would include an elevator that would provide access to the church and undercroft. Management of the Campaign will need assistance from the Parish Council and Finance Council.
 - D. Sweepstakes Recap: John shared a report that provided a review of this year's sweepstakes, and compared the numbers to last year. Overall the outcome was very similar, but we started a little later this year. Discussion was held regarding if we could broaden the reach of the Sweepstakes if we included the partner parishes. It was also discussed that a different time of year might work better for the event so that we could get more youth involved. We need to continue to find additional sponsors to help offset the expenses. Fr. Hennes reminded all that our Religious Education/Youth Ministry is a ministry of St. Joseph & St. Stephen. Currently our Sweepstakes would only help to offset expenses for youth programs in relation to the St. Stephen youth. All were in agreement that reaching out to St. Joseph to see if they would like to join in future events was a great idea.
 - E. Meal of Hope: Sponsoring the meal on September 19 at St. Joseph. We can get in at any time. Doors for the meal open at 5 p.m. and remain open for 1 hour. St. Joe's will provide some help and beverages. We should expect to serve 30-60 people, with some being takeout. We need donations of the following: dessert, fruit, meat, tomatoes, salsa, cheese, sour cream, lettuce. St. Joe's has all of the paper products needed. Some attendees do need a meal, some are just looking for socialization. Please reach out to Dave Mueller if you are able to assist. Be invitational to others to assist as well.
- IV. New Business:
 - A. Welcome to our newest member to the council, Ron Blaha.
 - B. Officers:
 1. Assistant to the President: tabled until the next meeting.
 2. Secretary: the decision was made to have Kristi Vuorinen be the acting secretary.
 - C. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Two parishioners have offered to serve in this role. Permission from the Bishop needs to be obtained. Fr. Hennes consulted with the Parish Council regarding these parishioners, and asked if there were any reservations to contact him by September 14.
- V. Committee Reports:

- A. Sacred Worship: not had a meeting since the council last met. The next meeting will be in the fall to touch base. The 8:30 choir will return in the Advent season. Server training was held for the school children, with 26 children in attendance, there will be three new servers for our parish.
- B. Education: Religious Ed Teacher In-service will be held next week. We currently still need an 8th grade teacher, but do have resources to shift current teachers around to cover the opening. It would be nice to have another teacher, if you know of someone or are interested, reach out to Fr. Hennes or Conner Franz. Father shared that for Pacelli schools, the enrollment at the high school is down, but the overall system is up. All staff positions are filled at St. Stephen, and Mrs. Nowinski is now full time at St. Stephen only.
- C. Buildings & Grounds: we do have a DRE office for Conner's established in the school building. Waiting for parts for the boiler automation system.
- D. Family Life: held the recent socials to welcome our new DRE Conner Franz.
- E. Justice & Peace: Operation Fresh Start had a box full of donations. Reminder for Meal Hope, if you are able help out, contact Dave.
- F. Father shared the Thank You notes received from the Seminarians for the contributions offered from the Pfiffner Trust.
- G. Next Meeting: Thursday, October 20 at 6 p.m.
- H. Meeting ended with prayer at 7:05 p.m.