

## Parish Council Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2021

Members Present: Fr. John, Mike Ruebensaal, Ann Pickering, Darlene Stutz, Sandy Yovanovich, Ray Toombs, Andy Booth, Rob Drawl, Dan White, Dan Lewis, Chuck Magel, Greg Dore

Members Absent: Christine Serdinak

### Opening Prayer

- I. Faith Sharing led by Ann Pickering (John 15:9-17)
- II. Approval of April Meeting Minutes by Dan White & Dan Lewis
- III. Update on Elm Street property: All parties have come to agreement on documentation of contract. Sale will be finalized soon for \$148,500 split in 2 payments. The final payment with closing costs included, will be April 2022. Addendum: Mr. Demby, owner of land and house, next to drive off Rt. 57, is not willing to divide into parcels. Asking \$1,000,000.00. Representative from Our Lady Queen of Peace has asked if he's willing to sell 250 ft. strip along driveway, and was given 7 days to respond.
- IV. Update from Building Committee: Meeting was held April 22<sup>nd</sup> with Mike Serdinak, (Architect). The committee reviewed present (pre-COVID) use and brainstormed future uses. The goals were summarized as: 1. Increase Vibrancy, 2. Increase Growth, 3. Increase Connection 4. Future uses of our parish community. The assessment of existing buildings will be discussed @ next meeting, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Discussion amongst Parish Council members on pros and cons of constructing a bigger hall and its future use.
- V. Update from Disciple Maker Survey: Darlene Stutz noted >40% completed surveys. Results will possibly be available in June. The survey team are scheduling themselves to attend 3 webinars in coming weeks, which will guide them in planning, deciphering and implementing the goals/results.
- VI. Parish Picnic planning will begin @ May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting in the hall. Will look forward to more news.
- VII. Update on Flock Note: Announcement was made at all Masses explaining this new communication tool and requesting all parishioners to update their database so Flock Note team can sign them up @ same time. New parishioners will be signed up also.
- VIII. Discussion held amongst members as they answered the question, "What would you like to see from this Parish as we move forward?" Responses included: Get-togethers i.e.: possibility of Parish Picnic; A Parish Youth Director i.e.: similar to Camp Counselor who

brings enthusiasm; Bereavement/Grief ministry – acknowledging the losses in the past year; Trapper Jack as speaker possibly this Fall; And promoting a “Welcome Back” campaign as Diocese is intending. This all will be shared with Joyful Disciples at their meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Other responses will be noted after results from DMI Survey.

IX. Father’s Address

1. Grafton is looking to partner with Heritage Ohio, whose program works with communities to revitalize their historic or traditional commercial areas. Looking for a representative from Our Lady Queen of Peace to volunteer to be a part of this.
2. Finance Council meeting, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Heart of Shepherd Campaign has given parishes 3 different ways to complete their pledges. The “No Campaign” – using sale of Elm Street property and 15% of offertory over 3 yr. period seems to be likely choice.
3. An increase number of faithful receiving Anointing of the Sick Sacrament.

X. Next Meeting June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7PM

Faith Sharing Leader is Chuck Magel (Mark 14:12-16, 22-26) Pg. 98