

**Cathedral of St. Mary
Parish Council Minutes
August 13, 2019**

Father August opened the meeting with prayer at 7:34 am.

Attendance (Those Present in Bold): **Father August Koeune, Carey Hartmann, Kelsey Kean, Ed Avery, Rosemary Barrett, Flossie Vance,** Maynard Richmeier, **Diane Gonnely,** Patrick Lane, **John Lynch, Renee Cudney,** Father Jaimon Dominic, **Father Andrew Kinstetter, Brian Greene** and Jim Casey.

July meeting minutes were approved unanimously after a motion by Brian Greene and a second by Rosemary Barrett.

Financial Update from Father August:

Father August was asked to bring the bottom line expenditures versus income for the last fiscal year to the next parish council meeting. Father August also agreed to bring a copy of the last audit of the Cathedral's finances to the next parish council meeting.

The Cathedral is in deficit spending unless the stocks do well. Investments are what is keeping the Cathedral afloat. Investments and cash are at just above \$10 million. The debt is just below \$7 million, not counting interest. Net equity is \$3.8 million. Father was asked if costs could be cut. He responded they would have to cut staff, and that is hard to do. They did not replace one staff member who recently left.

The Cathedral got a list of people who gave to the building in 2009 and alumni. Jim Casey is working with a company which can tell them who has capacity to give. This will be an effort to reduce the debt by an effort to solicit major gifts. Solicitation of major gifts will be done one on one, not by soliciting the entire parish. The next meeting of the group working on this is August 27.

Old Business:

a) Parishioner Concerns Follow Up:

Website history of past priests: Neill O'Donnell is working on this.

Put information about results of St. Mary's School fundraisers in the bulletin: This was done.

b) Newly elected parish council members for a first term are John Kaiser and Diane Prunty. Elected for a second term is Carey Hartmann. The first meeting for new board members will be September 10, 2019. Carey Hartmann will provide an orientation for the new board members. Jim Casey is working on getting a new representative of the Knights of Columbus to be on Parish Council. Representatives of the other groups will remain the same.

New Business:

The Cathedral will have a one evening fall mission on October 1, 2019. Scott Elmer is the presenter. He will speak on the importance of small groups for growing the faith in a parish our size. It will start at 6:30 pm with a reception afterwards.

New Parishioner Concerns:

A parishioner advised the organ is too loud at the 6 pm mass on Saturday. Father August sent a message to Patrick Stolz advising him of this concern.

A parishioner asked if we can get a larger trash can in the family restroom, because the current one always overflows on the weekends. Father August will speak with John Estorga about this.

Representatives Reports:

Cathedral Guild: Cathedral Guild provided five funeral receptions, hosted one First Friday Fellowship and helped with one Sunday social after the morning masses. The Guild met to plan the parish picnic with the intent of involving other groups. Chair Hartmann thanked the Guild for all it does.

Knights of Columbus: No report.

Saint Vincent DePaul : Sales were \$12,303 last month. The flooding and gutter problems are not fixed yet. They will have a sale on August 23 and 24 to get rid of seasonal things.

Saint Mary's School: No report, other than that school starts on August 26.

Youth Ministry/ Religious Education/ Young Adult Ministry: Religious Education starts on September 8. See attached written report which is made a part of these minutes.

Committee Reports

Volunteer Recognition: No report.

Safety: An additional first aid and AED training will be held in August, 2019.

Social Concerns: This committee put an announcement in the bulletin about what they do, and what they do not do. The latter was included because well meaning parishioners have been referring people to this committee for a variety of assistance that is beyond what this committee does (rental and utility assistance.) There are other groups in the parish that help the poor, like Saint Vincent DePaul and the Knights of Columbus. It was recommended all these groups meet together so they are on the same page about what services are offered and what ones are not offered.

Amazing Parishes: Tom Jacobson, Amazing Parishes Committee, briefed Parish Council about their committee's plans to have quarterly charity efforts in support of local non-profits. Some of the benefits are establishing relationships, involving people who want to do charitable works with only a short term commitment and getting word out about the Cathedral. Parish Council members were in support.

Parish Events Noted:

Parish Picnic, August 16

Youth Star Wars Lock-in, August 17

Food Truck Rally: August 28

Mercy Night, September 11

Ed Avery and Rosemary Barrett were thanked for their time on Parish Council. This is their last meeting as members of the Parish Council.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 am, following a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

John Lynch

Secretary

Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 13th, 2019

Youth Ministry Updates:

We held our Confirmation retreat Aug 2-4th at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park. We had 18 youth attend and amazing chaperones to help run our retreat. It was a fun and faith filled weekend.

We are hosting our last Summer Youth Ministry Event this Saturday. It is a STAR WARS themed day lock-in. We will feed the kiddos breakfast, lunch, and snacks. We have a ton of fun STAR WARS themed games to play, we will watch the original Star Wars movies, have a guest appearance by Fr. Fett (aka Fr. Andrew) and relate it all to becoming Disciples of Jesus.

We will start our Confirmation classes in September. The Second Year Confirmation (8th grade) class will meet on Sunday September 8th. The First Year Confirmation (7th grade) class will meet Wednesday September 11th. Youth Group will meet Sunday September 15th with the 6/7 grades from 3:30-4:45pm and 9-12th graders 6:15-7:45pm. The 8th graders will join the high school group after Confirmation.

NCYC is this year in Indianapolis Indiana from Nov 21st -23rd. We are currently looking for youth to commit to these dates in advance.

Young Adult Updates:

We will be starting a Gospel Reflection 6 week study in the fall. The hope will be to branch out after the new year and develop several small groups that will continue to Gospel Reflection study.

We are currently working with LCCC to develop and strengthen the Newmann Center on their campus.