

Parish Council meeting
August 19, 2021

In attendance: John Schumacher, Judy Cox, Father James Schumacher, Sarah Adams, Mark Petersen, Maggie Heller, Kyle Washut, Kathi McKee (via Zoom), Sarah Susanka

Meeting opened with a prayer.

Minutes of the previous meeting approved.

Karen Wetzel was not able to attend the meeting as planned, but Kathi communicated her concern that the ceiling fans don't work and could be bigger to move more air. Father says they do in fact work, but does not object to their being assessed by an electrician. Kyle W. volunteered to contact an electrician.

The WCC liaison to the Parish Council is still undetermined.

The Rodeo netted \$12,006. There were a wide range of volunteers, especially compared to previous years. Kathi heard positive feedback from Rodeo patrons. Sarah A. asked about the fundraisers and who oversees them: the clean up crew, for example, could have used more people. Doing both the rummage sale and the rodeo is exhausting if it's largely the same pool of people. Maybe a committee could be formed for each event? Volunteers for these projects could be recruited at the same time as new lectors and ministers. Sarah A. would also like more clarity as to where the money goes. Father spoke about formalizing the youth ministry budget.

Other than the fundraising, youth ministry was minimal over the summer. There was one pizza night which went well. The new youth minister, Beth Eby, will start in September.

April Pendleton has retired from religious education after 40 years. Sarah S. asked for ideas and a time to acknowledge her service. Father proposed a presentation at the 10:00 am Mass on September 12. Kathi volunteered to order a plaque, Father will find another gift as well. Sarah S. will make sure that CCD staff are aware of and present at Mass as much as possible. Father will conclude the presentation with a blessing for all teachers.

Playground: there is a 30 page insurance policy associated with installing playground equipment. Commercial equipment and ground cover are required. Maggie volunteered to contact some companies for quotes, and maybe provide some numbers by the next meeting. There are parishioners interested in donating toward this project. Any project costing over \$25,000 will need diocesan approval.

Vision 2030: a committee needs to be formed to set goals and action commitments for the pastorate. These commitments would be reviewed by individual parish councils. Kyle Washut and Sarah Susanka volunteered to be the PC representatives on the new committee. Judy Cox will take over as secretary of the Parish Council starting next meeting. The new committee needs to not be distracted by the parish closure proposals, but instead focus on the first phase of the diocesan plan. This would include soliciting feedback from the parish, orienting each community to the plan (first meeting), determining how best to present the Vision 2030 plan to the community at large (second meeting) and picking a small number of goals, especially since the overall plan can be overwhelming. First meeting will be September 9th in Boeseke Hall.

John Schumacher will be in contact with parish council members that haven't attended meetings in a while, to check in on their availability.

The Diocesan Zoom meeting: masks are required in the Communion line. There are no updated protocols for receiving Communion. Congregational singing is to be minimal. There is no need for additional cleaning protocols because surfaces are no longer considered much of a danger in harboring the virus. Signs will be posted and masks provided.

September Institute: it may or may not be virtual and therefore Father is unsure yet of whether he'll be absent that week.

Next meeting will be September 23rd.

Meeting closed with a prayer.