

## **SPFCP Parish Council Meeting - October 28, 2021**

Call to order at 6:30. Deacon Paul lead a prayer.

Present: Deacon Paul Gleichner, Joe Schoepper, Linda Konop, Amanda Pennefeather, Jean Hopka, Marv Krall, Jim Schulz, Kelly Hilliker, Jack Gadzala

Absent: Don Kozlowski

Introduction of new council members: Jack Gadzala & Kelly Hilliker

Approval of last month's minutes: Jean Hopka & Amanda Pennefeather

### **Committee Reports/Updates:**

**Education:** Deacon Tom has been having a hard time finding religious ed teacher/catechists. Deacon Paul suggested that if the committee has any suggestion for good candidates to please contact Deacon Tom and let him know. Deacon Paul and Deacon Tom have also been working on some Adult Education ideas including on online offering from Word On Fire and some outside speakers coming in during Advent, Lent and other times of the year.

**Worship:** No new developments. Advent starting soon. Monday and Tuesday for All Saints/All Souls, masses will be held at 8 AM and 6:30 PM both days. Remembrance mass will have the candles representing each of the deceased members of our parish community from the past year. Candles will then be given to surviving family members to take home after the mass so that they can pray in the month of November for their loved ones. Weekend mass attendance is slowly climbing. Average attendance on weekends is 650-700 right now. Before Covid it was 900-1,000.

**Personnel:** Chris St. Pierre has been hired to work 15 hours per month for the parish. Chris has been a volunteer at the parish for years but could only help as his schedule permitted. Seeing the need for a true maintenance person, Deacon Paul hired him so that projects could be completed in a timely manner without always having to call outside contractors for everything. Deacon Paul feels this move will save money over the long term and get projects completed much faster. Chris has already jumped in and taken care of several maintenance issues that have been a problem for years. So far so good! Also, Lisa Taddy, the parish business manager, has requested to work remotely from Florida for the months of January through April. After much consideration and consultation with the Diocese and other entities, Deacon Paul agreed to the request on a trial basis and with some conditions. During the months she is remote, Lisa will physically return to the office every six weeks, she will be calling in daily to work with Sue Hermann, the parish bookkeeper, and she will hold normal office hours in Florida working 8am-4pm every day. In Spring, Deacon Paul will review the process and see if it's sustainable for the future.

**Women's Organization:** Marv Krall reported that Holiday Fiesta will be held soon. Chili will be sold as "pick up" jars. Cookies sold by the pound.

**Men's Organization:** Jim Schulz reported that they had great speaker at the last meeting. The speaker was parishioner, Ray Seeger, who is an engineer from the nuclear plant.

**Building and Grounds:** Joe Schoepper reported that he is contacting Jim LaFond to do clean up on grounds before winter.

**Finance:** Jack Gadzala reported that the parish had a \$58,000 expense for buildings & grounds last month and electric bill \$7,000. A huge increase. Jack mentioned that part of the increase was due to the City of Two Rivers placing a surcharge on our bill and some unexpected issues that happened at the convent, but he said that overall, finances are very good and there is nothing to be concerned about. He added that the bigger concern our parish has is with long term drop-off of parishioners. Many never returned after Covid and we need to get them back.

### **Old Business**

Annual meeting was held recently: It was offered in-person and online. There were 6-7 people present at church and about 30 who watched online. As of this report there have been about 350 people who have watched the meeting on FaceBook after the fact. Everything went well.

Pancake Pazoala pancake breakfast: Served 170 people. Uncle Pancake did a great job. Kwik Trip donated milk and orange juice. It was very well received by the parishioners who attended and most said that they hope the parish does it again next year!

### **New Business**

One by One Campaign: This campaign is for the building of the new Roncalli grade/middle school. Target amount is \$16 million. Our parish will keep \$200,000 for projects at the parish which include renovation of Marian Hall, improvements on the parish rectory, and converting the old convent into a parish meeting house. Any money donated about the \$200,00 goes toward the Roncalli building project. We are in the quiet phase of the campaign. This is the time for large donations and will take place in phases over the next 6-8 months. The general parish population will probably start hearing more about it and being asked to contribute sometime in spring/summer 2022.

Convent: damage has been done to building with the Ostrom family living there. With the beginning of 2022, we will make necessary repairs and open it up for different groups and meetings.

A church artifacts display will be made in Marion Hall in the waiting area near reception desk.

Pilgrimages: Holy Hill and Marian Shrine were suggested as possible pilgrimage sites for parishioners. Kelly Hilliker is checking on transportation and insurance. Large bus trips have been done in the past so we should have information available to do this project.

Crosses: The KCs of Manitowoc used to place crosses outside during respect life month to represent aborted babies. The KC club in TR along with our parish would like to do the same on our parish property

next year. A motion was made by Marv Krall and seconded by Jim Schulz to go ahead with this initiative next year. This would be done after checking with the City of Two Rivers for any ordinances.

Icons: There will be two icons hung in church in the empty alcoves located directly behind the choir and adjacent in the church worship space. One icon will be of the Holy Family and the other of St Peter. A family stepped forward requesting the parish do that and donated the money to pay for the St. Peter icon which costs \$9000. We are seeking donations for the St Peter icon which costs the same. They will be beautiful additions to our church and we are thankful the family who took the initiative to get this done. They wish to remain anonymous.

**Community climate:**

Municipal: TR Police are short one police officer right now and having a difficult time getting applicants.  
TREP: They have too much food currently and don't need more food donations. Donations of money only.

November and December meetings combined. Next meeting will be December 2.

Meeting adjourned at 7: 30 PM.

Faithfully submitted by Linda Konop; council recording secretary