

Parish Council Meeting Minutes
6:00 PM Wednesday, November 9, 2022

1. Call to order – Chair, Deb Ehrecke called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

Present: Deb Ehrecke, Barb Reiland, Chris Rubley, Bob Brus, Shirley Schmidt, Kathy Elliott, Brenda Todd, Ed Kocal and Deacon Steve.

Absent: Mary Nelson.

2. Prayer – Deacon Steve

3. Minutes – Approval of October 2022 Minutes – Shirley Schmidt. Kathy Elliott moved to accept the minutes, Second Barb Reiland. Motion approved.

4. Reports from Committees:

Building & Grounds: Ed Kocal reported that he left a voice mail for Tom Peck regarding snow removal on sidewalks. He will give him another call.

- He is still working on the next step for repair work on the St. Andrew statue.

Faith Formation: Brenda Todd reported:

- Diocesan/St. Ambrose Pilot project update – Initial ZOOM meeting to be held on November 10, 2022
- Rosary Rally held on October 15, 2022 with 10 people in attendance
- RCIA and Religious Ed continuing
- Prayers for poor souls encouraged throughout November
- Two Advent efforts being worked by the committee
- Facebook will be used more for sharing information on QC Faith events
- No meetings in November or December

Justice and Peace: Ray Harre reported:

- The Casa Mea organization has disbanded and they returned the awarded funds to us.
- Meeting to be held on Sunday, November 13 following Mass
- Deacon Steve will suggest general diocesan practices and suggestion with us
- Consideration of new/local charities

Christian Service: No report. Deacon Steve shared that we have 58 angels with two gifts per name.

Mary's Angels: Deb Ehrecke reported that the committee will meet in January

Parish at Large: Chris Rubley – no report

Parish at Large: Bob Brus – no report

Welcome: Kathy Elliott reported:

- Kathy met with Sarah Buhman and her daughter, Bryn following Mass on October 30, 2022. Sarah will return the parish census form after verifying dates, along with a family photo.

Worship and Prayer: Shirley Schmidt reported:

- Mass ministries sent out for November. Training will be scheduled for communion and lectors. In December there will be two lectors scheduled per Mass
- All Saints Day Masses are November 1 at 7:00 at St. Andrew and 5:30 at St. Mary
- All Souls Day: book will be put out for people to write the names of their loved ones.
- St. Andrew feast day Mass will be November 20. Deb Ehrecke will order a cake to be served following Mass.
- A picture of the Divine Mercy will be placed in the Day Chapel after Deacon Steve firms up with the donor.
- Deacon Steve is working on Thanksgiving ecumenical celebration with area churches
- Plans are continuing for Advent cards, wreath, reflection booklets and donation basket.
- Parishioners will be asked to put old books in box following Mass on November 20
- Deacon Steve reported that Adoration will be held following Mass in January and possibly following Stations of the Cross once a month during Lent
- Beginning to plan for volunteer Sunday in February and involve parish council committee representatives.
- Deb Ehrecke asked what the Church needs that Mary's Angels can purchase.

Knights of Columbus: Chris Rubley reported:

- Sunday, November 6 Father Kneemiller had a table set up promoting the Rosary for Families and also inform about the Holy Land Rosary
- Sunday, November 6, 13, and 20 there will be a warm weather (COAT) collection. The coats will then be distributed at the Buffalo Food Pantry for those in need
- Sunday, November 27 the Knights will visit the classrooms to inform the children that they may participate in the "Keep Christ in Christmas" contest. Deadline for entering their pictures is Sunday, December 10. The pictures will be displayed in the Church gathering area and the winners will be notified in January, 2023. The prize will be a \$20 gift card.

Finance: Barbara Reiland reported:

ADA: This year's goal is \$32,928. Total pledged or paid to date: \$25,465.00 from 64 donors. As of November 3rd, we've met 77% of goal. We still have a long way to go to meet the goal. We should get the next update tomorrow.

As you will see below, we are in the red for this fiscal year both this year and last. Looking at the comparison for just the month of October, we paid the annual high school assessment in October this year. In 2021 it was paid in September. We have 8 students (\$16K) at Assumption this year vs 5 students (\$10K) last year. This year the assessment was paid in October, and last year it was paid in September, which is why we're in the red for October this year and we were in the black in October last year. We hired our new bookkeeper in September and she was still playing "catch up" on everything.

P&L Comparison YTD:

	<u>YTD</u> <u>July 2022 thru Oct 2022</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>July 2021 thru Oct 2021</u>
Envelopes	\$ 49,788	\$ 51,374
Offertory	1,675	742
Total Income All Sources	59,206	70,577
Less Total Expenses	<u>- 63,841</u>	<u>- 75,030</u>
Net Income	\$ - 4,635	\$ - 4,453

P&L Comparison – Current Month: October

	<u>October 2022</u>	<u>October 2021</u>
Envelopes	\$ 12,337	\$ 14,566
Offertory	318	145
Total Income All Sources	14,945	\$22,756
Less Total Expenses	<u>- 30,530</u>	<u>- \$8,474</u>
Net Income	\$ -15,585	\$ 14,281

5. Old Business

Volunteer Sunday – Shirley Schmidt reported – Worship & Prayer is preparing for Volunteer Sunday (in February of 2023). Parish Council committee representatives should be at the table for their committee to help explain what their committee does with potential volunteers.

Adoration – Shirley Schmidt reported that we will have Adoration for an hour following Mass sometime in January of 2023, and then once a month during Lent.

St. Andrew Celebration – on November 20 – Deacon Steve reported that we are ready for the celebration.

St. Andrew T Shirts – Deb Ehrecke reminded the Council member to ask their committees if they are interested in purchasing the T Shirts.

Upcoming dates to review:

- Thanksgiving Ecumenical Prayer Service, Tuesday, November 22, 7:00 PM, Presbyterian Church – Deacon Steve shared that there is a planning meeting next week.
- Immaculate Conception, Thursday, 12/8/22 – 7:00 PM
- Advent Communal Penance, Thursday, 12/15/22 – 6:30 PM
- Postcard mailing with Christmas Schedule is ready to be printed and mailed

6. Next Meeting will be December 7, 2022 at 6:30 PM

7. Motion to Adjourn – Barb Reiland moved, Ray Harre Second. Ray Harre led the **Closing Prayer:** Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM

Respectfully submitted by Shirley Schmidt, Secretary

