

Parish Council Minutes

Date: 1/25/22

Time: 7 PM

Location: Ave Maria Room

Staff: Father Adam, Patrick Parris

Members: John Dwyer, Cynthia Robinson, Dan Young, Katie Earley, Dan Walter, Laura Ridge

Ministers: Abby Simon (PTO), Natalie Ising (School Board)

Father opened with a prayer at 7:00 PM

- Council approved the 11/30/21 meeting minutes

Covid/Masking Protocols:

- Nothing new on worship side, school will re-evaluate masks at a later date.
- School still testing to stay – positives have gone down
- Some parents have stepped up to sub in classrooms – thank you!

Lent:

- Stations of the cross beginning 5:30 and having book study at 6pm tying into fish fry
- Reconciliation – times are designated
- Holy Week – normal schedule
- Fish Fry – we will continue drive thru begin on February 25th – March 25th
 - Spring Break – April 4th

Pastor's Update:

Archbishop

- No new news on this front
- March 19th – meeting John will be attending

School

- Confirmation – February 20th (Tuesday)
- Most of if not all of the courtyard windows have been changed out
 - More will be changed out now thru summer

Ministry Coordinator

- Should we have a sacristan help out to make this position more flexible instead of requiring attendance for all three mass times.

Leadership Team

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- Asking the staff for input – first meeting today (Terry, Tasha, Patrick, Theresa, Father) – make these meetings broader and more focused
- Meeting once per month
- This will not replace staff meetings but trim staff meetings down and add these.

Ministry

- RCIA – has been more relevant – 3 new people looking to enter the church - looking for sponsors for these people – This is great!
- Baptisms – they used to judge baptisms as the health of the Parish – we should continue to do this. (21 sign ups from May 2021- January 2022)
 - Tasha has been trying to pair couples with couples to mentor the new parents in baptism prep

Reports:

Finance (Aaron)

- Registration updates – due February 8th
- 5% increase 2022-2023 school year
- Collections thru December slightly ahead of budget
- Waiting on reimbursement for iPads
- Grant for Kids Time that they are waiting on
- CSA goal has been achieved
- Father wants to express on tuition: take advantage of CEF –
 - Increased overall teacher salaries this year
 - Add book bill into the tuition

Athletics (For Teague by Laura)

- Basketball Christmas tournament went well
- Basketball is finishing up
- Spring sports are now opened to sign up
- Fish Fry starts February 25th, and we will have drive-thru

PTO (Abby) – proposed calendar of events

- Father/Daughter Dance this past Saturday
- Taste of Ascension February 26th
 - Need more vendors (10 confirmed?)
 - Pushing for people to sign up online
 - Tickets at the door
 - Covid is holding people back

Worship (Karen by Patrick)

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- Christmas was successful
- 4pm was the busiest – AMR was filled gathering space was full
- Art and Environment notes – view meeting minutes online

School Board (Natalie)

- Open House February 1st – 3:30pm – 6:30pm

Purchase The Walter House

- Archdiocese/Ascension has purchased Helen Walter's house – Father is looking at a move time of March some time. He is waiting on aluminum to build a fence.
- Father will plan a time to host an open house once he is moved in.

Next meeting March 22nd 2022

7:45pm Father closed with a Blessing