Parish Pastoral Council

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

January 9th, 2024

Absent: Mike Butcher and Jesus Estrada Ramirez

1. The meeting was called to order by Amy, who also opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. The December minutes were approved.
3. Open Issues/Old Business
4. Turkey Boxes

Following a short discussion, all agreed that turkey boxes will be made available in November of 2024 for any of our parishioners who are in need. The process will be similar to our Angel Tree selection and, if there are any surplus boxes, these will be given to Outreach to distribute to those in need in the county, according to procedures already in place in White County.

1. Newcomers Welcome Dinner

April 21st, 2024, at 5:30 pm, a welcome dinner will be given to all new parishioners from the past year. It was decided that established parishioners here at St. Paul’s will be asked to volunteer to bring a dish for the dinner, as well as participate in welcoming our newest parishioners. Announcements about the dinner will begin mid-March, as well as sign-ups after each Mass for those willing to participate in bringing food and sharing in the fellowship.

Also, when new parishioners register, the form that they will be filling out now has a line asking if someone from the parish council can contact them in order to bring them a welcome packet, as well as meet them.

1. Discernment Retreat for Parish Council

It was agreed by all in attendance that the current members of the Parish Council, as well as any interested parishioners, will be asked to attend a discernment retreat. This retreat will be held on Saturday, March 16th, from 9am to 12:00pm.

This will be a time to go over what the council is, what is expected, and to actually discern if whomever is interested truly feels led to be a part of this council.

The facilitator of this retreat will be Kimi Nettuno, a Spiritual Director from the Jesuit House.

1. Basement/BuildingNews

Mike gave a summary of the meetings that he has attended and explained the forthcoming changes that are in the planning stages of the basement. Mike is in charge of coordinating all that has to do with the building changes that will be occurring, and Steve Bannon will be handling the financial part, working closely with our Financial Committee.

Mike also explained the seven projects that will be a part of the forthcoming Capital Campaign. These projects include: connection of septic systems at the church and parish hall to the city of Cleveland sewer system; new signage and flag poles at the intersection; fire and security alarm system for Our Lady of Grace (OLG) education building; church lighting system repairs; OLG education building basement completion, to include the addition of furnishings and equipment for the basement; Guadalupe Chapel renovation for relics display; church bell system repairs.

1. Parish Missions

Jane shared with us the two possibilities that may be available for a church mission, hopefully to happen during the Lenten season. The first was to ask Brother Robert Perez of the Capuchin Franciscans to come here during Lent. Father Fabio offered to call him to inquire about Brother Perez’s availability.

The second possibility is Mary Rogers who has worked with the Eucharistic Congress. Jane will contact her if Brother Perez is unable to be here.

1. Bathroom news/Other

Lisa takes care of the postings that are available to read in all bathrooms. Suggestions were made to add the upcoming dates of March 16th and April 21st.

1. New Business
2. Kitchen

There have been several times when the kitchen in the parish hall has not been cleaned after an event. Ron offered to look for and come up with a potential SOP ( Standard Operating Procedure) /protocol that can be posted, as well as a sign in sheet. This will be further discussed at February’s meeting.

1. Other

Donuts will be starting up again this month, with Mary and Mike running it. This will always be on the last Sunday of the month.

Lisa spoke about two gentlemen that came to discuss a program called Foundational Literacy. Mel volunteered to research the program and bring more information about the program to next month’s meeting.

1. Our next meeting will be held on February 6th, 2024.
2. Father closed our meeting with a prayer.
3. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mel Vaillant