

St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church
Parish Pastoral Council

September 9, 2021 – In Person & Zoom Meeting @ 7:15 PM

Attendees: Fr. Ken, Fr. James, Deacon Fred, Deacon Matt, Deacon Don, Jennifer Joensen, Brian Werner, David Reising, Jason Richards, Gary Olson, Nick Rahe, Susan Grebasch, Meg Schon, Randy Gomez, Josh Harry

Opening Prayer

August Meeting Minutes - *Approved*

New Member Introductions - Meg Schon will serve as Vice Chair, Secretary position may be on a rotational basis

- Meg Schon
- Josh Harry
- Randy Gomez

Old Business

Parish Online Directory

- *Hoping to launch before year end - ideally prior to Thanksgiving/Christmas holiday season; there will be on-site photographer offered following weekend masses - likely will need volunteers/subcommittee to assist*

Capital Campaign Update

- *Remain short \$250K - did not receive Prairie Meadows Grant; shifting PPP funds and will likely have final campaign push to close the gap*

Oxtoberfest Update

- *October 16, 2021 - Bishop Joenson will be unable to attend, will have Novena leaning up to Oxtoberfest, RE plans to host glow rosary on 9/13 from 7:15-7:45pm*
- *Funds from Oxtoberfest will be used for new clerical vestments (specifically white and red) which Fr. Ken will obtain during his pilgrimage in Rome this spring*

New Business

Faith Formation Update

- *RE + Family and Faith have a total of 320 kids (>50 more than last year); 65 kids in confirmation class, more than 70+ Made This Way books sold with first meeting on 9/12*
- *RE starts 9/15, Confirmation classes start 9/22*
- *Adult Faith -*
 - *Discovering Christ - Saturday nights between 9/25-11/20 from 5:45p-8:15p - Melissa Rahe speaking after all masses this weekend*
 - *Free to Thrive - young married couples; David met with Adam Storey (Director of Marriage and Family Life for Diocese of Des Moines)*
 - *RCIA - begins 10/5; weekly meetings begin 6:30p-8p*

Committee Updates

Welcome Committee

- *Has had decreased welcome activities for new members/families since beginning of COVID - plans to restart post-COVID*

Social Concerns

- *Catholic Worker House - collecting food, volunteer opportunity*
- *Family Promise at OLIH - serve meals for those experiencing homelessness - volunteer opportunity*
- *Meals from Heartland coming to St. Luke's in October - volunteer opportunity*

Liturgy

- *2 new lectors*

- *October is Right to Life Month - plan to have personal testimonies following masses during October*
- *Mother's blessing at weekend masses on 10/2-10/3*
- *Starting every Friday all day adoration (7a-8p) - when there are wedding rehearsals, there will be Reposition prior to rehearsal (~4p)*
- *Oktoberfest reminder - if attending mass at 4:30, must fast from alcohol for 3 hours prior to receiving Eucharist, and 1 hour fast from all food - there will be a notice posted at the beverage stations at Oxtoberfest*

Finance

- *Have raised \$3.2 of \$3.5 million Capital Campaign*
- *Refinanced debts - reduced monthly payment from \$3200/month to \$1500/month*
- *Tithing increased 16% the last quarter*
- *Goals:*
 - *Future phase reserves, reduce debt, build 6 month reserve for operating expenses*
- *Brick Campaign Kick Off - small bricks (\$125), large bricks (\$300), benches (\$4000)*

Other

- *Stephen's Ministries - 26 new ministers will be commissioned in Feb/March 2022*
- *Faith Formation Committee - new committee which will meet quarterly*
- *Need new AED for new conference room - Jen Joensen has mannequin that can be used for training*

Father Ken's comments

School

- *278 kids (increase of 38 kids from last year), likely need to extend use of trailers/variances to allow for enough space for all classes*

Building Project

- *Close to obtaining permanent occupancy - need to finish lights in south parking lot and balance A/C*

Budget updates

- *Budget process begins next month - needs to be passed by Nov/Dec*
- *AINES Grant - received \$180K - first round for technology, also covered salary of counselor*
- *Wedding policy finalized*
- *North sidewalk project - Fr. reaching out to parishioner who owns All Star Concrete*

Next Meeting – October 14th

Closing Prayer