

St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church
Parish Pastoral Council
September 8, 2022 - In Person & Zoom Meeting @ 7:15

Attendance: Brian Werner, Paul Moritz, Randy Gomez, Susan Grebasch, Fr. Ken, Fr. Ryan, Deacon Fred, Deacon Don, David Reising, Nick Rahe, Dana Bastain, Julie Shannon

Opening Prayer - Father Ken

August Meeting Minutes - *Moved by Paul, Seconded by Brian*

New Business

Faith Formation Update

- That Man Is You
 - 56 registered men - approximately 45 men in attendance each of the past two weeks
- Family of Faith
 - Yesterday, September 7th, was first parent meeting
 - This year, the plan is to combine parish and RE events with the goal of improving community and engagement
 - Had volunteers come forward to assist with preparing the bins for the classes
 - Currently, there is a catechist for every class but trying to get a few more volunteers to assist
 - 26 10th grade boys - would ideally have another catechist to assist with this age group to allow for smaller groups
- Three to Thrive
 - Elisabeth Sheaff speaking on infertility and miscarriage on Tuesday 9/13
- RE
 - This upcoming week will be the first week of classes
- Women's Bible Study
 - Will begin on September 20th - currently, over 30 women have signed up
- The Well Read Mom
 - National Catholic women's book study program with discussions on how these books pertain to the faith
 - This year's focus is: 'Year of the Giver'
 - 9-10 months in length with a book read every month or two

Knights of Columbus Update

- Tootsie Roll Drive is currently going on through this Sunday at the south Ankeny Hy-Vee
- Innervations Dinner/Dance - September 17th - SLTE Knights will cook dinner and host the event at the SLTE gym, Altoona Knights will provide the food
 - Expecting around 200 attendees

New Chair Elect

- Jen Joensen will step down as current Chair, but will remain on council

- Meg Schon will transition from Vice Chair to Chair
- In need of new Vice Chair - Josh Harry will step into this position

Oxtoberfest Update

- Parish Council needs to do a basket for the silent auction - looking for someone to coordinate it
 - Considering doing a brewery basket with Fenders, Mistress, etc and could add in gift cards
- Continue to receive silent auction baskets, but will continue to seek out further basket donations
- Funds from Oxtoberfest will be used to purchase St. Luke statue for the parish
 - Have been obtaining quotes: fiberglass 60" statue for ~\$8,500 and an additional ~\$1,500 to ship from Italy; wood 60" statue ~\$13,000; psuedo-marble cast also an option but have not obtained quote on this yet

Ministry Fair Volunteers 10/8 & 10/9

- Will want all of the groups at the church to be present and have a table - Nick has reached out to the head of each group to notify them over the fair
- Will want PC representative after 4:30p, 8:30a, and 10:30a Masses
 - Meg has volunteered for after 10:30a Mass
- Not planning to have fair following the 6:00p Mass due to majority of attendees being guests and not registered parishioners
- Fr. Andrew will start to organize

Lean on Me

- New group that is being started by Julie Shannon to provide grief support services
- Julie has recently completed course to be a grief support educator - available and wanting to provide education to different parish groups on these services
 - As the parish nurse, Julie wants to reach more of the parish and provide grief support to those in need, especially as it pertains to those experiencing miscarriages, end of life issues, etc

Funeral Procedures

- Fr. Ken will start to make procedural for the funeral Mass to allow for standardization with incoming priests
 - This will include updated song lists for funerals with assistance from Cari Higgins
- Going forward, will allow for funeral luncheon following funerals on weekdays during the school year
 - Students will pick up a sack lunch from cafeteria on these days to allow for luncheon in the gym
 - Do not expect this to be a common occurrence, but will revisit this policy, as necessary, if frequency of weekday funerals increase

Committee Updates

Welcome Committee

- 808 families currently - 20 new families over the previous month

Social Concerns

- Plan to host Meals from the Heartland again this year
- Plan to partner with the school - Family of Faith will do an outreach program with social concerns committee

Liturgy

- Last weekend of September will be doing server training
- Blessing for Expectant Mothers upcoming in October

Finance

- This was the first fiscal year where we have finished in the black
- Tithing is up \$100,000 over the last year
- Future Phase Fund up to ~\$60,000-70,000
- Ignite Campaign
 - Still need some volunteers to make calls - approximately 20-30 volunteers needed
 - May be rescheduling training/meeting from September 15 to recruit more assistance with making calls

Father Ken's comments

School

- 305 students at the start of the school year
- Gazebo (12'x20') has arrived, will hopefully get the pad of concrete down within the month - will be located next to the basketball hoops and ga-ga ball pits
- Soccer goals should be arriving soon
- First year with a volleyball team which is underway, basketball practices will begin soon

Budget

- On budget so far since start of fiscal year
- Monstrance will need repaired soon - donation has been made to cover the costs of repairs

Brick garden

- Blank bricks have arrived (4,000 bricks)
- Laser engraver is broken so bricks will now be sandblasted, but they should arrive on September 18th
 - Sandblaster will have to be used in the future for onsite customization of bricks so this will allow for more consistent appearance compared to prior plan
- Still looking for statue of Mary for the garden
- Plan to have electrician run lines outside to allow for lights in the garden
- Plan to start laying bricks on Monday, September 12 - volunteers have been arranged

Next Meeting - October 13, 2022

Closing Prayer - Father Ryan