

## St. Stanislaus Church-Parish Council

### Minutes August 15, 2022

Dana Frese called the meeting to order. Monsignor David Cox led the council with an opening prayer.

**Council Members Present:** Dana Frese, Mary Markway, Lisa Patten, Lisa Ashcraft, Pat Mingucci, Eric Jaegers, Sue Rackers and Pam Stonner.

**Minutes:** The minutes from May 17, 2022 were approved by all.

Dana Frese welcomed Eric and Sue to the council and stated that Emily Mantle will serve as an alternate in the event a member is not able to finish out their 3-year term.

**Monsignor Cox:** Welcomed Eric and Sue to the council as well. Monsignor states he was so glad to have had a parish council election with so many parishioners who were interested in serving.

**Financial Report:** Monsignor Cox said that St. Stanislaus submitted the proposed budget for 2023 to the diocese and is now awaiting approval. Monsignor hopes to have a copy of the annual Financial Report by the October meeting and will share the report with the parish council. Collections continue to remain the same.

The FBI has an ongoing investigation concerning accounting for parish funds. The investigation by the diocese is on hold until the FBI's investigation is complete. Dana did ask what is being done to prevent this situation from happening again and suggested an annual audit of the parish funds by an independent CPA firm. Monsignor noted that there is no assurance that an audit would have discovered the unaccounted-for funds and that parish staff eventually discovered that accounting of certain funds were in question.

**Picnic:** Monsignor said that he was delighted about the way our parishioners came together to put on the picnic and how parishioners received our outside guests. Monsignor said, "it was nice to have a successful picnic, but more importantly our parish community was great in working together and serving our guests."

**Fall Festival:** There will be a raffle for the Fall Festival and donations for the raffle are currently being collected. The Fall Festival will be handled like the picnic, and we will serve food cafeteria style.

**Parish Center:** The parish center is being well utilized with The Over 50 Club, Ladies Sodality meetings, Pro Life Group, weekly meetings for the St. Stanislaus Creative Ministry and other uses.

**Stewardship Model:** The biggest change to the diocese stewardship model is to do away with the Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA) and the second collections, and for parishes to instead pay 10% of parish revenue to the Diocese. This funding model may not result in significant additional funds being paid to the Diocese when considering the amount previously payable to the Diocese by the parish. Monies earned from the Summer Picnic can be placed in the parishes' Maintenance Fund. Monies made from the Fall Festival can be earmarked for a specific big project that needs to be completed.

**Parish Funeral Dinners:** Funeral dinners will have the option to be held at St. Stanislaus again. Teams are being developed to help serve the funeral receptions. Teams are being formed to shop for the grocery items need for the funeral dinner. The family has enough to deal with in the loss of a loved one and there is no need to burden the family with getting items for the meal. We want to minister and remove that burden for the family.

**Knights of Columbus:** K of C wants to build a 7000 square foot building which will be adjacent to the school. Currently, parishioners must rent the hall at the Lions Club for funeral dinners. In addition to renting the Lions Club, bereaved families also have the ability to host luncheons at St. Stanislaus School. While this is convenient, the school has worked to significantly limit non-school traffic over the last several years to increase security and minimize disruption. Going forward, it's desirable to be able to host funeral luncheons close to the church, for free, and outside the school building. The building would be helpful in hosting funeral dinners and other activities connected to the church. The K of C is trying to avoid competition with the Lions as an event venue. The Parish Council will hold a special meeting on September 13 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center to review the proposed building plans.

**Parish Directory:** Monsignor said there are several people in the parish who have requested an updated parish directory. Monsignor stated that Olan Mills and LifeTouch were options from the past and one company has bought out

the other and he was not sure which company is the current option. Monsignor suggested that possibly a local photographer be hired to take the family pictures and through the use of MPix a directory could be made. A council member is going to reach out to Jayme Baumgartner Wilbers and to Jennifer Grothoff Sandbothe. More discussion to come.

**Teaching about the Eucharist:** Monsignor said the Pope has directed parishes to teach about the Eucharist. We need to educate about Priest and the Eucharist as you cannot receive the Eucharist without a Priest. Perpetual Adoration was mentioned and to have witnesses talk of how Adoration has touched their lives. October is the anniversary of our parish. Father Clark may come to talk about the importance of priesthood.

**Celebrate St. Stanislaus:** The Feast of St. Stanislaus falls on Sunday, November 13, 2022. In order to celebrate the Saint of our Parish a pot luck dinner is being planned. The parish will donate the meat and those who come to take part will bring a dish to the celebration.

**Facilities:** Pat reported that there was a walk-through of the school and grounds and he said the grounds and school building look amazing. K of C members cleaned up the campus, power washed the sheds, cleaned out the gutters, cut down dead trees, mulched, pulled weeds and took out decayed railroad ties. Paul Meyer will put the second set of doors with the windows back up in the entrance of the church.

**School News:** School starts this Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. The school enrollment is 182. There are 18 3-year-old pre-school students enrolled and 16 4-year-old pre-schoolers leaving 2 spots open.

The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Retreat is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Bolton Home Event Center. The Topic is Saints.

At this time, PSR K through 6 has 30 students signed up. The confirmation group consists of 35 candidates which includes St. Stanislaus 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Osage Bend and the PSR students.

RCIA will begin this Fall. Currently there are 3 people signed up for the classes.

Book Club Study/Bible Study will have an informational meeting on Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. and at 6:30 p.m. in the parish center.

Christmas Book will be "Holy Moments" by Matthew Kelly.

Stewardship small groups to meet this fall.

The next scheduled meeting is set for October 18, 2022 in the Parish Center starting at 6:30 p.m. Future meetings for 2023 are:

January 17, 2023, March 21, 2023, May 16, 2023, August 15, 2023, and October 17, 2023.

The closing prayer was led by Monsignor Cox. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by: Pam Stonner