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Parish Pastoral Council Meeting — February 15, 2023 7:00pm

Present: Father Joe, Kathy Burton, Ellen Cole, Larry Ghirardi, Lauren Girasoli, Dorothy Paine, Ron Paine, Mike Rafferty, Sharon Torrenti, Jean Wilczynski, Dave Wohlmuth, Louise Young, Erica Zapatka

Opening Prayer: Father Joe

Meditation: Grace – Ephesians 2: 8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Further Reflection:

[What Are the Good Works God Has Prepared for Us? | Daily Reflection | The High Calling \(theologyofwork.org\)](#)

Update on Coffee and...

It went very well after the 8:00 and 10:30 masses. The people who stayed had a good time and were not in a hurry to leave the church.

Ron documented how many people the Men's Club prepared for. The Men's Club was supportive of doing it again, and maybe another ministry could sponsor them in the future.

Another possible date is late April (April 30?), or even to do one quarterly.

We could also coordinate it so that the soup kitchen is asking donations at the same time.

There are \$5,000 in holding for the soup kitchen, but the soup kitchen is also always looking for ways to grow. Going forward, what is the expectation for who is paying for this? It costs roughly \$150. The desserts cost roughly \$50, and the paper goods \$100.

Father Joe says we can charge the church for supplies.

We could put out a jar for donations

AED, CPR, Stop the Bleed, and Narcan

Ellen Cole is still waiting to hear from EMTs because they have been inundated for requests.

If we purchase an AED from EMTs, they could service ours when they service theirs.

There may be people interested in donating towards to cause, or we could have a bake sale.

Sharon will draft a note to go into the bulletin asking for donations.

Currently finances are tighter because of oil and electricity bills increasing

We can have a training with five people to an EMT. They can be certified for hands only CPR. We can certainly have an AED before people complete the CPR training.

When we do offer CPR training, there should be multiple sessions.

We can't just buy it tomorrow, but Jean is not opposed to buying it and then reimbursing ourselves from donations. If we end up with excess after donations, we could use the money to get a Stop the Bleed kit or other purchases to support

Mike Rafferty makes a motion to make buying an AED a priority, Kathy Burton seconds. The motion passes.

Finance Report Update

Weekly donation is up

This year we brought in a little less than last year because last year there was a large bequest

We are currently in a contract

The balance on the mortgage is under \$650,000

The people who are now in the chapel owe us roughly \$80,000



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We hold a second mortgage on the chapel and they have not made payments towards us
The bank has the first mortgage. They would be the ones to foreclose.

We can't sell it because we have a second mortgage

We don't know the last time we sent them a bill. That was a discussion at the finance meeting.

If we don't continue to ask for money, we will not be paid.

We are not spending money on it.

Jean prepared a grant for ARPA funds from the town to cover ZOOM and music licensing and printing. We applied for \$1,800 and got it. We could not justify asking for more.

Bylaws Changes

Open forum for questions from parishioners. If no questions, vote to approve changes.

We decided to have a retreat every two years because it made sense to have it every time new members were elected

Selecting officers every two years rather than every year is because the continuity of leadership is helpful

Ron moves to accept changes, Erica seconds. Mike is opposed, the rest are in favor. Motion carries.

Pew Card

Ron has fifteen boxes. They can fit into the pews currently and we can secure them so kids don't play with them.
Communications committee to review

After researching Venmo and PayPal, Jean found that neither is really set up for donations. There can be some issues where Venmo or PayPal send us a 1099 if we get too much income. It also does not allow for receipts.

Faith Direct's parent company is going through some technology changes which may make donations easier in the future.

You can text to donate through Faith Direct, but you have to share your information.

Going forward, since we already use Faith Direct, we don't need to discuss with the Finance Council. Jean can just set us up with text to give.

Lenten Mission – status update, expectations of Parish Council Members

"On Bended Knee" on Prayer

Praise, Contrition, and Adoration are the focus points.

March 19, 20, and 21

There is a speaker and a musician. Both are coming

We need to send a check of 10% and the contract is signed.

We are not advertising throughout the diocese because there is another mission the same weekend in Norwich.

We will send Old Saybrook and Westbrook notices for their websites and bulletins, and could also put it in Lyme Line for other Christians in town.

It would be nice if each member of the Parish Council could attend at least one of the three nights.

Kathy brought up that we only have \$5000 to spend on missions and was surprised that this mission was already approved when it costs more than \$5000. All members of the Liturgy Committee need to be aware, and felt like it needed more open conversation. One point is that there is a lot of talent in our area, so why go to California and Tennessee. The content of the missions has been good, but open communication is not.

Discipline and Structure of Committees

Check bylaws and make sure that members are aware of what is expected

We need to make sure that we follow protocol. There is a disconnect and we need to correct it.

Parish Council needs to be aware of what is happening in committees and committees need to be forthcoming to the Parish Council.

Larry brought up that there should be a quorum.



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Newsletter Update

The newsletter really gives a good perspective on the parish.

Choose chairperson to lead 2023 Parish Council elections

Terms Ending for	Two More Years for
Ron Paine	Bob Grissom
Dorothy Paine	David Wohlmuth
Sharon Torrenti	Ellen Cole
William Clinton	Erica Zapatka
Mike Rafferty	Kathy Burton
Lauren Girasoli	Larry Ghirardi

Elections take place in August to seat the new council in September.

Schedule the elections in late August (last two weeks) and early September (first week)

This will be an item on the agenda for Monday, March 6

Monday, April 17 is the following meeting