

## Parish Council Meeting

### **In Attendance**

Kathy Burton, Larry Ghirardi, Linda Petitpas, Cheryl Parsons, Ellen Cole, Fr. Joe, Erica Zapatka, Bob Brinkerhoff, Al Taday, Sharon Torrenti, Bob Grissom, Lizzy McCarthy

—Ex-Officio: Louise Young, Bill Thomas, Jean Wilczynski

### **Opening Prayer**

### **Old Business**

- Review of November Meeting Minutes
  - Made adjustments to minutes; added members to appropriate ministries
  - Ellen motioned to make changes — none opposed
- Megan — Joined as Secretary for Parish Council
  - Council discussed bylaws for role of secretary
    - Include information about Parish Council in separate section of bulletin
- AED Training — Updates from Sharon Torrenti
  - Waiting on training kit before we can schedule training session
  - Hoping for January
- Cookie Sale
  - Result: **\$1, 449.00** —> Proceeds go to local families in need
  - Discussed available services in the area for people to contact
    - Social Worker at Town Hall
    - Online
    - LYSB
- Creche Update
  - Moved Creche to altar this year (center of altar instead of side of church)
    - Fr. Joe would like to add pieces of the scene over time
  - Men's Club set up the structure of outside creche at entrance of church
    - Bob Brinkerhoff discussed with Fr. Joe when to set up parts of creche = after this Sunday, Dec. 17th
- Pew Cards
  - Security of QR codes
    - Discussed risks of using the QR codes
- Parish Council Retreat
  - Erica said **\$35-45/pp** for cost of meal (plus cost of leader)
  - Date: End of January, beginning of February; hopefully before Lent
  - Location: Mercy by the Sea

### **New Business (Con't on next page)**

- Committee Goals for Council
  - Members supposed to act as “Liaisons” of the committees
    - Will report back to the Parish Council at the next Meeting
    - Council reviewed responsibilities and goals of each Committee

Monday, December 11, 2023

- Coffee Hour
  - Al and Lizzy did a great job!
    - Next Coffee Hour = Sunday before Ash Wednesday
  - Linda suggested having a poster saying “Who’s hosting” the event
- Parish Life/Stewardship (Lizzy, Bob B., Al, Kathy, Cheryl)
  - Bob G & Bob B —> Parish Picnic
    - Ellen brought up the idea of having a special event/picnic for 20th anniversary of church (Nov. 2025)
    - Bill T — thinks we should start planning ahead of time for such an event
- Liturgy, Spirituality, Christian Service (David, Erica, Ellen, Larry, Linda, Cheryl, Kathy)
  - Lizzy McCarthy —> Coffee Hour quarterly sponsored by different groups
    - Larry suggested having this in bulletin 1 or 2 weeks ahead of event
    - Council discussed whether sponsored groups should cover costs of food and drink
  - Council discussed ideas of spreading awareness of the hungry and needy
    - There are times when Food Pantry struggles and need help
    - Might do something around Lent
    - Ellen mentioned connecting with NL Food Pantry
  - Fr. Joe had the idea next year in Advent = adopting a family
    - Council all interested in doing this Advent through Lent
      - Erica = “pairing with service” (Food Pantry, etc)
- Education (David, Erica, Lizzy)
- Property Management (Larry, Ron, Al, Bob G. and Bob B)
- Communication (Erica, Ellen, Bob G)
- Kevin Hogan — Dave Kane FUN-raiser Event
  - April 27, 2024
  - Dave Kane = Comedian; Family/Catholic humor
  - “Fun”-raiser ; Cost is \$8/pp
  - Looking to have a pizza truck as well
- Larry Ghirardi asked Fr. Joe if he needs new vestments
- Al Taday confirmed various ministries in the church with the Council

### **Pastor Comments**

- Happy with how everything is going in the parish!!
  - People getting involved, etc.
    - Pajama Drive, Giving Tree etc.
  - Attendance at church has done well
- Linda brought up the Lector Training that Bill organized

**Prayers for:** Kathy Burton’s sister

**Next Meetings:** *February 5th and March 4th*

**Closing Prayer**