

St. George Parish Council Meeting Minutes August 11, 2022

Those in attendance were Jerry Backes, Debra Oliveras, Carla McDaniel, Alfred Brandt, Chris Muenks, Debbie Lumpkin, Brendan Koenigsfeld, Deacon Bob, Father Franklin.

Carla brought snacks.

Father Franklin led the opening prayer.

Alfred made a motion and Debra Oliveras seconded to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2022, Parish Council meeting. The motion was approved.

Education

A report from Lisa was emailed to council members for review.

Things are gearing up for the new school year. Faculty is in place. There are 186 students enrolled from 114 families.

Administration

Nothing

Financial

John Deeken presented the financial report. The past fiscal year ended well. Revenue was over budget, but so were expenses. Collections came in slightly over budget. All bills are current, but account balances are down with lower collections this summer. The 2022-2023 budget is nearly completed.

Spiritual

There was much discussion around the new stewardship program which started July 1. There is much misinformation in the community about how the stewardship program will work and how it will affect the parish. All this has resulted in some extremely negative reactions by some individuals. The best way to combat this is to speak with facts and not get caught up in arguments based on false assumptions. Everyone needs to consider their obligation to support their church to the best of their means.

The small group meetings started during Lent will continue during Advent.

Social

The drive through at the picnic did not go well. There was discussion to not do drive through at the Fall Supper (October 2). A concern was raised that reverting to sit down/carryout requires more workers. The issues will be discussed with co-chairs Paul Brandt and Brad Deeken. Another problem was the generous size of the portions provided. This resulted in running out of food by about 5:00. We do want this to be a social event.

New Business

Our next meeting is November 3.

We need to start identifying candidates for The Parish Council elections. Several names were identified.

Father Franklin closed the meeting with a prayer.

Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted by Jerry Backes, Secretary