

St. George Parish Council Meeting Minutes January 5, 2023

Those in attendance were Debbie Backes, Jerry Backes, Janet Baker, Alfred Brandt, John Deeken, Keith Jaegers, Debbie Lumpkin, Carla McDaniel, Chris Muenks, Pat Muenks, Debra Oliveras, Korey Wolfe, Deacon Bob Schowengerdt, and Father Franklin.

Snacks and refreshments were enjoyed.

Father Franklin led the opening prayer.

Carla McDaniel thanked the outgoing members Jerry Backes, Keith Jaegers, and Chris Muenks for their service to the Parish Council and welcomed the incoming members Debbie Backes, Janet Baker, and Korey Wolfe.

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

Financial

John Deeken provided financial information. Year-to-date collections as budgeted are pretty much on track with December being a solid month. Even though we are on track cashflow is not enough to keep up. We are struggling to keep up health insurance premiums. We have not paid our tithe to the diocese since August and now close to \$25,000 due. Need to move funds from the chancery savings. Still have about \$93,000 to work with. Hopefully that will get us through until Schwartze funds are available. Expenses are the issue and keeping up with payroll has been a struggle.

Education/Youth

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

School is having bathroom and internet issues. We have lost a janitor. Several people have been volunteering to run the auto scrubber.

Basketball has started and Volleyball has ended. Progress reports have been emailed out. Monitoring grades due to some students having poor grades and may not be eligible to play.

Will need to address the fees charged to families who use the online payment system to see if we can add that to their bill. The Church is currently paying the service fee tab of roughly \$320.

Administration

Pat Muenks, President of the Cemetery board, provided a typed report on the cemetery. Reviewed financials, inventory, rate schedule and 2023 near and long-term priorities. We now have a Columbarium for cremains. Space for grave plots is filling up.

Elections

Elections were held. The following were elected.

President: Debra Olivera (Debbie Lumpkin nominated and Janet Baker seconded it. Debra elected).
Vice-President: Alfred Brandt (Debbie Lumpkin nominated and Debbie Backes seconded it. Alfred elected).
Secretary: Debbie Backes (Alfred Brandt nominated and Debra Oliveras seconded it. Debbie elected).

Spiritual

A Stewardship Council has been formed. Janelle Jaegers, Carla McDaniel, and Jane Thiessen have agreed to serve on the council and will meet with Fr. Franklin next week. They will add additional people on the committee.

Saturday night mass time will be at 5:00 p.m. beginning Saturday, January 7, 2023.

Social

The Spring Fling will be held on Saturday, April 15, 2023, in the Activity Center gym. Spring Fling Coordinators are Debbie Lumpkin and Janet Baker. Tickets will be \$100. Tickets will be sent to UD next week to be printed. Annie's Station will cater. It was decided to have fried chicken instead of Prime Rib. Debbie Lumpkin will get with Annie's Station to determine a second meat. Valora will help decorate. Mass time will be changed to 4:30 p.m. for Spring Fling.

Picnic is June 25, 2023. Chair: Sheila Lenger

Fall Supper is October 1, 2023. Co-Chairs: Paul Brandt/Brad Deeken

Debra Oliveras will follow-up with Chairs to see if they will chair this year.

New Business

None.

The next Parish Council meeting is March 3, 2023.

Carla McDaniel made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Janet Baker. Meeting adjourned 7:15 p.m.

Father Franklin closed the meeting with a prayer.

Submitted by Debbie Backes, Secretary