

St. George Parish Council Meeting Minutes March 2, 2023

Those in attendance were Debbie Backes, Janet Baker, Alfred Brandt, John Deeken, Brendan Koenigsfield, Debbie Lumpkin, Carla McDaniel, Debra Oliveras, Korey Wolfe, Deacon Bob Schowengerdt, Deacon Tony Valdes, and Father Tony Onyeihe.

Snacks and refreshments were enjoyed.

A parish council group picture taken was taken to be included with the spiritual bouquet for Fr. Franklin
Father Tony led the opening prayer.

Janet Baker made a motion and Alfred Brandt seconded to approve the corrected minutes to the January 5, 2023, Parish Council meeting. The motion was approved.

All Parish Council members were given 20 Spring Fling tickets to sell.

FINANCIAL REPORT

John Deeken provided financial information. Most regular bills are current. Our first priority is payroll and health insurance. We have one month health insurance due \$14,997.53 and September to December tithe due \$25,260. January and February @ \$6,300 August = \$37,860 due to the diocese. Making payroll is difficult. We are waiting on funds to transfer from the school and hoping for help from Home and School. Schwartze Grant will get us through we hope. \$63,604.53 in Chancery Account is not accessible. Fr. Jones and School Superintendent Erin Vader will be attending the Home and School meeting on March 21, 2023, at 7:00 pm in the Activity Center lobby. Parish Council members will also attend this meeting to show support to the speakers and to support the school and parish.

EDUCATION/YOUTH

School Report: Lisa Grellner sent out a letter on tithing to all school families since Father Franklin is on temporary leave. Lisa sent us the school report.

CYO Update CYO is active and meeting every 2 weeks. Becky Steinbeck and Brenda Winkelman are adults helping with CYO. CYO recently went to an escape room, made valentines for residents at Harbor Place, went to Show-Me-Axe, and were food runners for the drive thru K of C Fish Fry.

ADMINSTRATON

Deanery Pastoral Leadership Meeting

John Deeken, Debra Oliveras, and Fr. Tony attended the Deanery Pastoral Leadership meeting in Rolla on February 28, 2023.

Shaping Our Future Together (S.O.F.T.) Program – Report given by Deacon Tony. There are 6 regional coalitions in the Southeast Deanery. St. George is included in the Westphalia coalition. In the development of coalition opportunities, the following values and focus: "Seven Essential Values" will be our guide:

1. Clergy well-being;

2. Faith Formation;
3. Sacraments are accessible and celebrated well;
4. Hospitality;
5. Human and financial resources;
6. Canon Law and current Church teaching—solutions must be canonical;
- 7 Fulfillment of the Mission:

a. Stewardship; b. Co-responsibility; c. Mercy/charity; d. Women’s Ministry.

What can we as a parish and coalition do to help each other and each other better? What are we willing to sacrifice to help other churches? We have 4 priests between the 6 churches. How do we preserve our church and our traditions?

Our Discernment Process:

1. Form coalitions that embrace Shaping Our Future Together and encourage board participation of parishioners in the discernment process.
2. Each coalition will form a working team to include a facilitator/lead, scribe, and members from parishes that represent the diversity of parish life (February of 2023).
3. Develop a communication plan that insures through a spirit of discernment and prayer that the S.O.F.T. objectives and values are widely conveyed (2/24-3/10/2023);
4. Each coalition will host town hall meetings to communicate S.O.F.T. objectives and discern how well the pastoral needs of their parishioners are being met and identify where strengths and weaknesses exist (3/10-4/19, 2023).
5. Coalition teams will develop actionable plans regarding collaboration among parishes utilizing the values and areas of focus of S.O.F.T. (4/11-5/9, 2023).
6. The deanery coalitions will reconvene in a unified meeting finalize coalition plans that are aimed at spiritually enriching the lives of our parishioners, families, parishes, and diocese by working together (June of 2023).
7. The deanery working team will provide coalition plans to Bishop McKnight and the DP for review and approval (June 30, 2023).

Notre Dame Loft G – the parish has applied for the Schwartz Grant for \$15,000 to fix the fire escape (Melissa Massman came into the meeting and said that the stairwell from 2nd floor to the parking lot needs repair), air conditioning, and install flooring upstairs in Loft G. A storm came through and damaged the roof again so there is a leak in the roof. Debbie B. said part of Scout Room tile was ruined when AC fluids leaked out.

Cemetery Report - Tabled until next meeting.

Church Entrance – front entrance doors have prematurely aged/faded. When Fr. Dan was pastor he was going to have Freedom Products redo the doors, but this was never done due to the onset of the pandemic and Fr. Dan’s transfer a few months later. Debra will contact Freedom Products to redo the doors.

SPIRITUAL

Stewardship Committee – Ministry leaders celebration on March 25 after 5:00 pm Mass. Stewardship Committee goals are: 1. Get new volunteer lists to leaders, double check to be current; 2. Host ministry fair in conjunction with back to school; 3. Educate parishioners on Stewardship; 4. Get a diverse group of council members from all age groups.

Lenten Stations of the Cross/Reconciliation Schedule: Stations of the Cross and Reconciliation will be held in Linn for the next 3 weeks and then in Frankenstein for the 4th.

RCIA Update: We have two Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults candidates and four confirmation candidates. Deacon Tony is meeting with them every other Sunday.

Prayer Service/Mass of Healing: We will have a Mass of healing for Fr. Franklin and all priest and deacons on March 16, 2023, at 6:00 pm. Mass will be followed by Adoration and Benediction.

Totus Tuus/Vacation Bible School – Totus Tuus is July 9-14, 2023. Vacation Bible School has not been done since COVID-19. May want to go together with other parishes to just put one Vacation Bible School on.

SOCIAL

Spring Fling – April 15, 2023, in Activity Center gym.

- 1. Menu:** Fried chicken/pot roast; mashed potatoes & gravy; steamed mixed vegetables; 7-layer salad; rolls; tea and coffee. Spring fling flyers were given to parish council members to be put out in workplaces or businesses in the community. We will bring back wine to the Spring Fling this year. We will get 55 cases of beer from N H Scheppers Distributing Co. getting 30 cases of Bud Light and 25 cases of Miller Lite. A liquor license has been applied for.
- 2. Mass Change:** Mass will be at 4:30 pm.
- 3. Parish Council Member Duties:** We will set up Friday night at 4 pm after school is out. We will start with a prayer before we start working to set up. John and Debra will work on where tables will go. State Tech to donate ice and Janet will check with Chris Muenks to get the ice from State Tech. Korey Wolfe has 2 big coolers and will check with Scheppers for another large cooler. More people are needed at the raffle table. Brenda Winkelman builds the spreadsheet and Debra will get the laptop and projector. Carla will get the wireless mic. Doors open at 5pm; dinner at 6 pm; and drawing begins at 8 pm.

Summer Picnic: June 25, 2023. Denise Coots and Sara Peters will Cochair the picnic. We may have to raise the price of the meal due to rising cost of food. The cochairs are meeting with Fr. Tony on March 8. It was consensus from parish council members that we want to have a meal.

Fall Supper: October 1, 2023. Chair(s) still needed. Tabled until next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Parish Directory – Debra shared the information Brenda gave her from Michael Dust with Universal Church Directories, but this was tabled until next meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting is May 4, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. Carla McDaniel made a motion to adjourn, and Alfred Brandt seconded it.

Fr. Tony closed the meeting with a prayer.

Submitted by Debbie Backes, Secretary