

## **St. George Parish Council Meeting Minutes August 10, 2023**

Those in attendance were Debbie Backes, Janet Baker, Alfred Brandt, John Deeken, Debbie Lumpkin, Debra Oliveras, Korey Wolfe, Deacon Bob Schowengerdt, and Father Colin Franklin.

Snacks and refreshments were enjoyed.

Father Franklin led the opening prayer.

Janet Baker made a motion and Korey Wolfe seconded to approve the minutes to the May 18, 2023, Parish Council meeting. The motion was approved.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

John Deeken provided financial information.

The year ended with us in a reassuring cash position to begin the new fiscal year.

The final tithe payment for June is \$5,878 and will be paid this week.

The total fiscal year tithe was \$73,865 (\$6,405/month).

The prior 3-year average cathedraticum was \$27,020.

We also have the \$48,154.68 on hand to pay the 23-24 fiscal year property insurance.

Receipts and expenses normally pick up with the start of school. We should be ok to start with if collections hold up.

Budget for 23-24 is being finalized, but final numbers are not yet available.

Over-all we have and continue to hang in there financially as YTD (July) is on track.

### **SCHOOL REPORT**

**Confirmation:** August 23, 2023, at 6:30 pm. Bishop McKnight will be there. Students and PSR kids from St. George and Frankenstein will be confirmed.

### **EDUCATION/YOUTH**

Principal's Report was received.

### **ADMINSTRATON**

**Shaping Our Future Together (S.O.F.T.) Program** – Deacon Bob attended the last meeting. Proposal has been sent to the bishop. Waiting to hear back on it.

**Cemetery:** Not moving forward with cemetery renovations as the timing is not good.

**Notre Dame Hall** – New roof has been put on. AC has been installed in Loft G. Plaster work, painting, and flooring in Loft G still to be done. There are tin roof ceiling tiles that could be sold to pay for Loft G improvements. The tiles are symbolic and sentimental so appropriate consideration should be given before moving forward.

**Church Entrance** – Freedom Products redid the front entrance door. Rodney Kliethermes worked on the side door as rain was getting in.

**Landscaping in Front of Church** – John Oliveras, the Wilbers family, and the Buhr family along with Fr. Franklin planted flowering bushes in front of church. A \$250 Beautification Grant was received by Mary Wilbers to be used toward the project.

## **SPIRITUAL**

**Stewardship Committee** – Looking for new members as we want to grow the Stewardship Committee. Want to coordinate small groups.

## **SOCIAL**

**Spring Fling** – We made \$9,647.22 on the 2023 Spring Fling.

**Summer Picnic** – Went well.

**Fall Supper:** Sunday October 1. Brad Deeken and Paul Brandt will Co-Chair the Fall Supper this year. They want someone else to take over next year.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Parish Directory** – Fr. Franklin will talk to Emily Koenigsfeld about serving as coordinator. We will move forward with the parish directory.

**Potential Candidates for Parish Council Election** – Debbie Lumpkin, Carla McDaniel, and Debra Oliveras will be going off Parish Council. We will need potential candidates for the upcoming election to replace them.

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2023, tentatively at 5:30 p.m. Janet Baker made a motion to adjourn, and Debbie Lumpkin seconded it.

Fr. Franklin closed the meeting with a prayer.

Submitted by Debbie Backes, Secretary