

St. George Parish Council Meeting Minutes May 18, 2023

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

Snacks and refreshments were enjoyed.

Father Franklin led the opening prayer.

Carla McDaniel made a motion and Brendan Koenigsfeld seconded to approve the minutes to the May 18, 2023, Parish Council meeting. The motion was approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

John Deeken provided financial information. Collections have been good. As of 4/30/23 owed \$14,997.53 health insurance for March and April for a total of \$29,995.06. Also owe March and April tithe to the diocese. We received \$95,000 for school from Schwartz Foundation. New rule on Schwartz Grant is money needs to be used for expenses other than operating. \$14,775 was also received from Schwartz for Loft G improvements. Having issues with monthly report in Sunday bulletin. Cash position is worse than accrual reports show. Trying to correct how numbers are presented. It is about the flow of funds when paying bills. We will get by with Schwartz Grant for now.

EDUCATION/YOUTH

Spirituality: 21 students made their First Communion. Junior High sponsored an Easter Egg hunt. Virtue for April is justice. 8th grade participated in the NET Retreat on May 3rd. 6th Grade participated in Vocation Day. May Crowning was held on May 10th during the 8:00 am Mass.

Building and Grounds: Several school parents have created a cleaning committee, under the direction of Jill Schaefer. Neil Loethen held a training on how to run the auto scrubber. The athletic committee paid for the new lobby doors. We are having trouble changing the locks and electronic codes.

Academics: Students are working towards the end of the school year. We had a donor who purchased GoGuardian, 20 Chromebooks, and a subscription to IXL. This is the online platform to help reinforce and track learning. Principal Lisa Grellner had a 90-minute online training session. There will be a computer class built into the curriculum next year for all grades. This will include Duo lingo, keyboarding, and computer projects.

Other: Still in process of looking for teachers. Mrs. Grellner has offered several contracts, but as of right now they have all decided to accept offers from Jefferson City schools.

ADMINSTRATON

Shaping Our Future Together (S.O.F.T.) Program – Town Hall meeting in Folk lasted 4 hours. Each parish in the Westphalia coalition has representatives working toward creating a proposal to present to Bishop McKnight. Next meetings will be June 13 & 20 at Westphalia. Parishioners have a voice in how we can manage our resources and work better together.

Cemetery: Results of parish poll indicated lack of support to pursue cemetery upgrades due to cost. Proposal has been tabled.

Loft G: Received \$14,775 from Schwartze Grant to install flooring, fix fire escape, and air conditioning. Insurance to cover roof repair due to leak in roof. Father Franklin will pick out new shingles for Notre Dame Hall roof.

Church Entrance – The front doors of church were removed by Rodney Kliethermes and refinished by Freedom Products. The parish will be responsible for future applications of a UV protectant to minimize damage to doors from sun exposure. The side doors of church are in poor condition as well and will be worked on by Rodney. The floor tiles at the entrance to church are coming loose.

SPIRITUAL

Stewardship Committee – Will plan to have a presence at the Back-to-School Open House on August 13th. Identify stewardship and will work to illustrate connection/unity between parish and school.

SOCIAL

Spring Fling – Debbie Lumpkin did not have a report yet as she did not receive a bill from Annie's Station. Debbie contacted Kim Borgmeyer on May 2 and again today, May 18. She will contact her again tomorrow. Debbie Lumpkin estimates the profit at approximately about \$9,000.

Summer Picnic: June 25, 2023. Denise Coots, Sarah Peters, and Jenna Dudenhoeffer will co-chair the picnic. There will be no drive through. The price of the meal was set at \$17. Meal will be served until 6:00 pm.

Fall Supper: October 1, 2023. Chair(s) still needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Parish Directory – Looking at possibly updating the St. George parish directory this year. Possible contacts to coordinate are St. Ann's Sodality, Evelyn Niekamp, Edna Kliethermes, or Carolyn Koenigsfeld.

Back to School: Open House August 13th after 10:00 a.m. Mass. Knights of Columbus will barbeque, and everyone is welcome.

The next Parish Council meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 10, 2023, 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