

St. George Parish Council Meeting Minutes November 9, 2023

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

Snacks and refreshments were enjoyed.

Father Franklin led the opening prayer.

Alfred Brandt made a motion and Brendan Koenigsfeld seconded to approve the minutes to the August 10, 2023, Parish Council meeting. The motion was approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

John Deeken provided financial information.

YTD \$280,984.39 Receipts

YTD #356,257.77 Expenses

Collections are on budget.

Total Revenue is down \$50K below budget.

Total Expenses are \$8,700 above budget.

No Fall Supper results in the books.

Tithe due July, August, and September.

Stewardship is at about 20%

EDUCATION/YOUTH

Lisa Grellner is teaching religion to first graders.

Jeff Brandt has performed work on school plumbing and plans to fix toilets in the boys' and girls' bathrooms during Thanksgiving break when school is not in session so water can be shut off.

Want to build a fence at the playground to keep kids in and safe. Knights of Columbus or Home & School may help with this.

ADMINSTRATON

Shaping Our Future Together (SOFT) – an overview of each deanery's SOFT proposal was presented at the Southeast Deanery meeting in Loose Creek on 11/7/23. Final approval has not yet been given. Possible promulgation may occur at the 2024 Christ Mass on March 26, 2024.

Notre Dame Hall – No progress has been made. Fr. Franklin plans to put together a Loft G committee with individuals having expertise in specific areas of interest.

Potential Candidates for Parish Council Election – Debbie Lumpkin, Carla McDaniel, and Debra Oliveras will be going off Parish Council. Names of possible candidates to run for Parish Council

were discussed. Amy Ames and Renee Goans have agreed to be on the ballot. The following is a list of names to contact Lennie Keilholz, Eric/Brooke Peters, Kevin/Jenna Dudenhoeffer, Nathan/Sara Peters, and Adam/Kaitlin Peters.

Parish Directory – We will move forward with the parish directory. Brendan Koenigsfeld will ask Emily Koenigsfeld if she will serve as Coordinator.

SPIRITUAL

Stewardship Committee – 90 packets have been returned so far, of which 49 were done electronically and 41 paper. Carla McDaniel and Brenda Winkelman are looking for ways to promote it. Looking for new members to grow the Stewardship Committee and would like 5-7 in total members. Will ask Kaden Clough, Shannon Kliethermes and Joe/Alice Dudenhoeffer.

RCIA – Fr. Franklin is working with a State Tech student and his fiancée. Several State Tech students have also formed a bible study group at St. George.

SOCIAL

Picnic: We need co-chairs for 2024.

Spring Fling – We will book a caterer, either Annie’s Station or Argyle Catering, for the Spring Fling. Looking at 4/6/2024 as the date. Debbie Lumpkin will compile pricing information and the availability of each caterer before a decision is made. Carla McDaniel & Mike McDaniel offered to do a fundraiser at the Spring Fling called “Wine and Bourbon Pull” if Parish Council wants them to do it. You would buy a \$25 chance to pull a ticket and you get the bottle that matches the ticket number drawn.

Fall Supper: We will need new co-chairs for 2024. Need to discuss food containers (plates vs to-go containers) for future events. There was significant waste of to-go containers from individuals eating on site.

NEW BUSINESS

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in Notre Dame basement. Korey Wolfe made a motion to adjourn, and Alfred Brandt seconded it.

Fr. Franklin closed the meeting with a prayer.

Submitted by Debbie Backes, Secretary