



St. Sebastian Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

5/23/2024

In attendance:

Excused:

7:00PM - 7:05PM

Opening Prayer – Terry Tolson

7:05PM - 7:20PM

Father's Update

- Fr. Valencheck is signing teachers' contracts. Significant raises for the teachers due to more money coming in. The goal is to get the teachers' pay up to 80% of public school teachers' pay. This is the first of a three year cycle to get to this goal. In the meantime, a mixture of raises and bonuses are being given. Almost all of the current teachers are returning for next school year.
- Fr. Bozek has returned from his vacation and will be transferring to St. Barbara Parish in about a month. A possible replacement priest is coming to the parish after Fr. Bozek leaves.
- Seminarians John, Christopher and Simon have moved into the rectory.
- In three weeks, work will start on the foundation of the new greenhouse.
- Lynn Stewarts' final concert was a tremendous success.

7:20PM - 7:40PM

New Business

- **Council Membership Change** David Newyear has resigned his position on Parish Council as he received a promotion at work with new responsibilities and will not be able to fulfill his commitment. Tom Knauer has accepted the invitation to serve out David's term. Welcome Tom.
- **The Prepare and Enrich Program** is a program for couples who seek to be married in the Church. Council members were asked to contact their ministries for marriage mentorship through this program. No questions or comments from the council. Sue Sassano, who is a part of this program, gave an update on the program. She said that the program has good reviews. Couples meet once with a mentorship couple, typically after Pre-Cana. There is a training class for potential mentors on June 8th.
- A suggestion from the parish community to add an information board in the back of the church regarding the various ministries that are available in the parish. This topic will continue to be discussed in future meetings for possible implementation.
- A suggestion for a social media presence for the parish was discussed. This topic will be considered during future meetings for possible implementation.
- Our Mother's Hands ministry has been added to the list of parish ministries. Barb Panzner will be the contact person for this ministry.

7:40PM - 8:00PM

Old Business

- End-of-Year picnic – June 27, 2024 A quick review of what each member offered to bring to the picnic was discussed as a reminder. The picnic will welcome new members for the new Council year that begins in July. The picnic will start at 6pm in the courtyard.
- Alpha
 - St. Sebastian is now on the Alpha website.
 - If you log in to Alpha.org and search for programs you'll find us there. You may want to watch the trailer: On the Alpha.org webpage, click on "Run Alpha" then "Preview the Talks" then scroll down to "Alpha Film Series" which is on the left, and in the lower right hand corner click on "Watch Trailer."

Continuing from the April meeting, it was recommended to the Parish Council that the evangelization committee disband and reform as the Alpha team as a program within the Church's faith formation mission. A motion and second were given to move in this direction. The vote **passed**. Keith Johnson will provide high level leadership for the program in year one. Greater parishioner leadership will be needed as the program grows.

Members of the team will attend Diocesan Alpha training on July 11th. A budget has been set as the program will be a part of our Parish faith formation activities. Kick off for the program will be September 11th. The most immediate need is to assemble a larger Alpha team. There are seven members now, but it would be beneficial to have as many team members as people are interested. There are many ways to be involved, including praying.
- Music for the Masses CD Sales

CD sales were held this month after Masses. Thanks to all of those who signed up to sell CDs. There are 23 CDs left and \$420 in cash was taken to the rectory. There was no immediate information on how many digital downloads were purchased.

8:00PM - 8:25PM

Pulse of the Parish/Commission Reports

8:25PM – 8:30PM

Compline (Terry Tolson)

Next Meeting: Potluck!

Thursday June 27, 2024 6:00PM – 7:30PM

St. Sebastian Rectory and Courtyard (weather permitting)

Prayer and Compline – Hannah Paulin