

## St. Augustin Parish Council Meeting

April 9, 2019

### St. Augustin Church Conference Room

**Call to Order:** Pat Smith called the meeting to order at 6:32.

**Present:** Father Christopher Pisut, Pat Smith, Marianne Dowd, Karen Pierick, Colin Riemersma, Nick Bigelow, Sherill Whisenand, Paul Martin, John Gilbert

**Absent:** John Knight

**Approval of February minutes:** Carried (John G. moved, Sherill 2<sup>nd</sup>)

**Principal:** Incoming school principal Kristel Kautzky introduced herself to the Parish Council. She expressed intentions to attend future meetings when available.

**Centennial Campaign:** Tyler Ferry of Lynch Development introduced himself and took questions. The campaign has a goal of \$2.5 million, targeting specific projects and funds based on contractor quotes. It is co-chaired by Paul Martin and Paul and Kate Mitchell. Upcoming are the Lay Leadership weekend and the 2<sup>nd</sup> spring commitment weekend. So far over \$690,000 has been pledged. The campaign has mostly seen positive feedback, and we have answered concerns in a direct and timely manner. Individual, in-person contacts are key to the campaign's success, though it may finish with direct mail, phone-a-thon, or other methods. Concerns were raised that the campaign survey results were not published, but members also expressed gratitude for the chance to voice our input ahead of time.

**Stewardship:** Deacon Fred Pins detailed our parish's approach to stewardship as an umbrella of all our ministries and organizations, categorized by the four pillars (Hospitality, Prayer, Formation, and Service). It is modeled after the Wichita Conference, for which he provided reading material. Communication between the parish bodies and the Stewardship Committee will be key, and Deacon would like the minutes for all meetings as well as scheduling cooperation.

**Business Manager:** Tomorrow is Sybil Sullivan's final day in this position. Four applications have been received so far. The deadline is May, but we may begin interviewing sooner. Ideally, we want a candidate who is involved in parish life.

**Flood Relief:** Sherill received a call about support for local flood relief at the parish level. The diocese launched a fundraiser for such relief. St. Augustin has communicated this information to parishioners via the weekly emails and other methods.

**Principal, part 2:** Questions were addressed about the selection process. Applicants were given a month to apply. Father Pisut expressed confidence in the new principal, as well as the representation of the interview committee. Pat offered his perspectives on the process as well. He added that the committee did account for the survey feedback, which had been communicated to all parishioners.

**Principal, part 3:** Karen ordered an Irish suncatcher for Dr. Dowdle on behalf of the Parish Council in recognition of her retirement and members signed a card. Dr. Dowdle's reception will take place on May 18 in the Parish Hall.

**Parish Council Election:** The election will take place on May 25-26 at all masses. Possible candidate names were brainstormed, and we can send more to Pat over the next few weeks. A call for candidates will be in all bulletins and emails between now and mid-May.

**Choir / Keyboard:** Jonathan Fortino researched keyboards in preparation for the choir's move to the loft. He recommended one that will cost approximately \$2500. Father will decide on that over the summer during the choir break. He will also communicate the move to the parish.

**Other meetings:** A representative could not attend BOE or B&G, so no official reports. Father Pisut said there was nothing that the PC needs to address for either. Finance Committee did not meet.

**Parish Life:** Holy Week preparations are in order. The St. Catherine of Sienna performance will be April 28. Msgr. Bognanno's discussion on the mass was well attended and earned high praises. Marianne shared another parish bulletin which includes "Happenings in the Parish Family", asking how/whether we can replicate it.

**Adjournment:** 7:45 pm. Next meeting will be May 14 at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Bigelow