

Parish Council Meeting

March 10, 2022

In attendance: Father James Schumacher, Kyle Washut, Tim Sheehan, Maggie Heller, Sarah Adams, Sarah Susanka, Renee Stong, Eliner Shields, Dan Spenst, Judy Cox

Meeting was opened with a prayer.

Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

Lenten and Paschal Events/Schedule

Currently, there is a public Rosary/Chaplet being said in the church at 4:30 pm on Fridays.

Stations of the Cross are at 5:00 pm on Fridays.

A fish fry dinner is being held in Boeseke every Friday at 5:30; hosted by the Sawtelle and Shields families.

The Knights of Columbus are planning on doing an Easter Egg hunt, weather permitting, Easter Sunday after Mass. They are hosting a brunch every Sunday after Mass in Boeseke.

There is a Penance Service tentatively planned for Tuesday, March 29th at 7:00 pm.

Msgr. Sieker has arranged for a presentation on the Shroud of Turin, open to both the College and Holy Rosary Parish. This will take place on Palm Sunday, at 4:30 pm in Knights Hall.

Confession times for Holy Week: Monday 6 pm; Tuesday 9 am; Wed 3 pm.

The College will be joining the parish for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil Services.

Palm Sunday Mass schedule: Vigil- 6:00 pm Saturday with 8:00 am Mass in Hudson and 10:00 am in Lander.

Holy Thursday: Msgr. Sieker will preside; service at 6:00 pm.

Good Friday: Father Schumacher will preside; service at 3:00 pm.

Easter Vigil: Service will begin at 8:30 pm. (No 6 pm service)

Easter Sunday: 8:00 am Mass in Hudson and 10:00 am in Lander.

There was an inquiry about doing a Parish Mission during Lent. This will be up for consideration in the future. Father welcomes any input from those interested.

Review of Remaining Work Projects

A urinal has been installed in the bathroom near Boeseke Hall.

Foundation problems were addressed. Although work could not be completed until the weather permits, a contractor will be called soon, by parish staff, to schedule bids etc.

A recommendation was made to get a comprehensive bid for all work needing completion and for the playground project. A priority list would be made and all would be presented to the finance council. Dan Spenst and Tim Sheehan have agreed to go through the list with parish staff and work with Stan Grove to prioritize. Karl Eby will present the bid to the finance council.

A discussion of the location of the playground ensued. One suggestion was on the lawn South of Boeseke Hall or on the lawn next to Knights Hall. Regardless of the location, a suggestion was made to create a pedestrian walkway in the parking lot between Boeseke and Knights Hall. This may entail signs and pavement markings to denote where to cross.

With regard to Knights Hall: there was a need for clarification of space and who/what it was used for. Dan Spenst will bring clarification of what was approved to the Knights meeting.

Catholic Leadership Institute Survey update:

The survey has launched. The goal was to have 20% of the parish participate. To date, there are 68 surveys completed which surpasses this goal.

Synod & Synodality:

Phase II: reaching out to marginalized persons. These are people who are practicing Catholics but do not attend church, those who are not practicing, those who do not believe in God, and those of other faiths.

Father James will be making an announcement regarding the need for people to participate in those dialogues. A training session is planned. This will include a list of talking points to help get others to tell their spiritual story. This will be held possibly the first week of April.

Religious education / Youth Ministry

Rummage Sale:

The rummage sale is usually held the end of May. This event was not necessarily cost effective with regard to man hours versus outcome. This event made \$3,569 with 48 volunteers. 15 of them worked more than the equivalent of four work days. Several of these worked more than the equivalent of a couple work weeks.

The Rodeo, which happens over July 2, 3, 4; made \$12,000 with 40 volunteers most of who worked over the two days. (This includes Beer Stand volunteers). Three or four worked longer hours over several days. One is out in his own league in terms of hours.

Since the rummage sale happens shortly before the rodeo, volunteers for the rodeo, which nets far more money, are had to come by. A recommendation was made to perhaps have the sale in the Fall.

This will be revisited at a future meeting.

Vacation Bible School:

T.T will not be held this year. There are no plans at this time for formation of youth. There is a possibility that some type of day trip (s) can be done through COR. Karl Eby will be asked to check into this.

Frequency of meetings:

Meetings will be held every month until resolutions are met to current items. Meetings will possibly be suspended during the Summer. A recommendation was made to continue with monthly meetings through the month of May then suspend them in the Sumer. This will be finalized at the next meeting.

Next meeting: April 28th, @ 6:15 in Boeseke Hall