

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

June 28, 2023 7:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fr. Casey, Bob Landman, Greg McMahon, Tim Pietron, JoAnne Uglem, Jenna Kylo, Tom McMahon

Opened with Prayer; minutes from previous council meeting were read and approved.

Finance Report: Greg gave us the financial report. St. Stephens is up \$6,000 in offerings from last year.

Trustee Report: Bob reported that the stained-glass windows have been inspected by Willet Architectural Glass from Winona, Minnesota. The project would consist of putting a protective covering over the stained glass to preserve the lead in stained glass so the windows don't bulge and break. The estimated cost would be \$60,000. The motion was made by Greg to do a fundraising campaign to accumulate 50% of the project before we go through with the project. Tim seconded the motion. All approved. Tom will make a presentation after each Mass.

Liturgy: Fr. Casey thought the schedule for the Christmas Vigil Mass was well attended. We will continue the same schedule this year with Vigil Mass at 5pm and 9 am Mass on Christmas day. He wanted to know if it would be possible to have a social after the Vigil Mass. Fr. Casey would like to have a bible study sometime during the week. Fr. Asked if we would like to have a mission retreat. Everyone thought during lent would be a good time. Fr. Suggested a one-day retreat with breaks and a meal provided. Fr. Wanted to know when to start having coffee and rolls after Sunday Mass. It was suggested we wait until the fall and coordinate when CCD is not in session. Fr. Casey would like to have workshops for end of life/ funeral preparations sometime in October, times and dates will be posted in the bulletin; pre-registration will be needed due to the limited booklets that we have. Fr. Casey wanted some feedback on his monthly letters and JoAnne said they conveyed a good message, to keep it up. All agreed for Fr. Casey to keep up the monthly letters, and he said he will concentrate more on theology.

Religious Education Report: Jenna reported that CCD will continue to be on Sunday after the 9 am Mass. She would prefer not to have the Confirmation in May. Fr. Casey said there is a pre-schedule sent out in December and we will wait to see where St. Stephen's is on the schedule and make a request to move at that time. There is Catechist training in August she hopes to attend, she will see if other CCD teachers would like to go as well. The fall and spring food drive that the youth did was a success; she said they will do it again.

Two children will attend the bible camp at Red Willow Lake this summer. There are 6 youth going to Steubenville youth conference in St. Paul Minnesota.

Altar Society: No report

Music: No report