

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church
SUMMARY of Parish Council Meeting 03/22/2022

In attendance

Fr. Peter Richards, Rusty Stockinger, Aurora Fenzl, Bjorn Carlson, Jameson Smieja, Roxi Saholt, Rhonda Eurich, Daniel Wocken, Maria Barnes, Mary Davis

Pastor's Update

Busy season with Lent.

Cemetery – 3rd section is officially open.

CCW – May 18th retreat coming up in Buffalo. April meeting will focus on May basket prep for delivery to Presbyterian Homes on May 1.

Faith Formation –Confirmation coming up May 15th at Cathedral of St. Paul. Bjorn also commented that he heard back from Fr. Bambenek Jean Stolpestad. They agreed to meet with Bjorn, Jake B. & Aurora to talk through some youth challenge.

Finance – Work is becoming more of a conflict for Jameson to attend those meetings. Council discussed the need for appointed Liaison since Rhonda and Fr. Peter both attend regularly, and Rhonda does the minutes. Council agreed no need for an additional liaison moving forward.

Rusty pointed out that they are looking for someone to head up projects that Ernie was doing.

Church subsidy to school went down from \$250k to \$200k for 2022 because the school is doing better.

Finance committee needs more members.

PennyWise – Busy time with special events recently. Liz emailed that very busy last week with the bag sale.

School Update – Liz emailed that Generation Day will be held on April 29th with Archbishop Hebda presiding. It will be 1st Generation Day we have been able to have since 2019 due to the pandemic.

Staffing - Liz emailed that the position for the Preschool Assistant has been filled. The Director of Enrollment position has been posted on the Archdiocese website and interviews will be held the week of April 4th.

Parish Compensation - Liz emailed that the parish is starting the conversation about compensation for the whole campus. Compensation for some parish & school staff roles appears to be low on an Archdiocesan survey. We would like to increase revenue and reduce costs to continue to move up on the averages scale, and clear communication to the parish is important.

Knights – Jameson will reach out to Dave to act as liaison. Not planning to attend all the meetings but will reach out to Dave each month to see what they need

Liturgy – Daniel and Maddie will take this over (meetings are typically in early afternoons). Mary commented that Liturgy committee is having a lot of retirements this year. Need new members.

Scouts – Picking back up. Trailer not in a good spot (dark and in the trees). Can they move it somewhere else? Group decided to have Andy Danielson reach out to Mike W.

Need a plan to assemble and disassemble nativity creche' since it is big. Bjorn suggests it only be adults moving forward. Knights might be a good fit. Fr. Peter will ask Knights to take it on (storage and putting up and taking down each year.)

Stewardship – Planning for next welcome Brunch June 12 after 10:30 mass. All new people and interested people welcome.

Synod – Fr. Peter needs some representatives to go the Synod @ Creighton Durham Hall High School on the weekend of June 3rd.

Food Shelf – Donations are down, and the group will pursue Covid grants. Food Shelf planning omelet breakfast. Group also working on Satellite program for Gillespie Center. Cub Foods also gave green light to pick up donated goods 6 days a week instead of 1.

Adjacent Development Proposal

Mary attended City Council meeting on March 8th – Extension given to developer and will meet with City Council again in April.

Strategic Plan – Last month agreed to reach out to 3 pillars and have them review their strategic plans with us in future meetings.