

St Martin Pastoral Council

Meeting minutes for Wednesday, March 15th, 2023

In Attendance: Fr. Doke, Council members, Larry Lehman, Mariam Kuensting, Tom Draper, Denise Brand, Ann Schulte, and Linda Oligschlaeger, Jennifer Benne, Dwayne Clingman; Deacons Francis Butel and Steve Kliethermes; School Principal Julie Clingman; Stewardship chair Anne Hackman, Finance Council Chair Bob Hackman. Kristina McMichael-Schwant, Joe Petska, Barb Schmid, Kathy Jarman and Anne Rackers were excused.

The meeting was opened with a prayer.

The minutes from February were read and approved.

Pastoral Council Elections: Tom Draper and Christina Schwant will run for re-election. Chad Vocks will be a nominee. Several other names were suggested by Denise Brand. A suggestion was made to have a picture in conjunction with the nominees bio available on the bulletin board. We will put an announcement in the bulletin and on the website about the candidates.

Finance council: Bob Hackman. The February finances were reviewed. While the numbers show a deficit, after looking and comparing 2022 to 2023 we are still up 10% in offertory giving and are doing well financially.

Ministry Leaders Meeting; The meeting was held on March 5th. There was great response from the leaders and through the information gathered we will be better able to accurately budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024.

Julie Clingman reported that the Youth group leaders had met and are reaching out to current seniors and juniors to lead the group with the assistance of the adult leaders. In consideration is a kickoff with a service project for St. Martins. They are also looking into fun activities such as Camp Windemere and attending a baseball game. They are focusing on those in grades 7-12.

Parish Survey: David Erwin will speak at all the weekend masses explaining the survey regarding our long range plans. The focus of the survey is to ascertain the amount of financial support we have and whether parishioners want to proceed with the building of a new church or remodeling the current church. Once we

have an idea of the level of financial support and the wishes of the parishioners, we can then decide how we will proceed, whether we address the school remodel needs first or the church and can make plans. Each family will be asked to take a survey home and pray about what their commitment will be. They can then fill out the survey and return it to church or go to the parish website and fill it out. Using the website will be encouraged as the information could more easily be gathered. The parish responded very well to the Stewardship questionnaire, and we are hopeful for the same response to the survey.

We would hold a capital campaign to raise the money and once half the money has been collected, we could then start the project with a loan from the diocese for the remaining 50%.

Social Concerns: The soup suppers were well attended. The dignity drive is going well.

Worship and Spiritual life: They will meet again on March 31 to make final plans for the Easter triduum.

School report: See the attached report. The fish fry was well attended. The next one is planned for March 24th. They are currently working on the Conservation grant which would allow us to make improvements to the play grounds.

Vocation Committee: No report

Stewardship Council: The Mardi Gras event was a huge success and the caterer has been booked for 2024. The ministry leaders meeting went well. Everyone is encouraged to wear their name badges so that we can all put names with faces. Many activities are happening. The Women's ministry is meeting the first Wednesday of the month. Donut Sunday will start again after Easter and will be held the first and third Sunday of each month. A brunch for new parishioners and those joining the church through RCIA is in the planning stages.

The meeting was closed with a prayer.

The next meeting will be on April 19th, 2023.

Respectfully submitted, Mariam Kuensting

Approved by

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