

St John Neumann Parish Council
Meeting Minutes
Nov 15, 2022

Present: Fr. Dury, Bob Hettersheidt, Tami Wetzel, Jackie Sutton, John Kutys, Jay Hedrick, Kandi Smith, Paul Stokell, Nate Schroeder, Nick Henderson, Katie Washington, Christina Weber

Absent – John Endres, Jud Scheaf

Opening Prayer – Father Dury

Old Business – Father Dury

- Discussion on Part 3 “Rescued” of the book Rescued
 - God’s response to our captivity to sins is shocking and unexpected. He rescued us and released us from our chains.
 - Jesus came to fight our enemy and destroy the works of the devil.
 - The Heart of the Gospel – God loves us. He thirsts for us. You are worth the trouble. God is love.

New Business

- Feasibility Study – Father Dury
 - Survey opens Jan 7th and closes the 16th.
 - Is open to everyone
 - For/against
 - Kids/no kids
 - Outside parish communities
 - Chamber of commerce
 - Results back in Feb.
 - This is the first phase on whether we should move forward, and the second phase would be what does it look like.
 - Grade school not sure if we would follow the diocese model
 - Do we start immediately on fundraising which could be north of \$20M

- Building project – moving forward – Father Dury
 - Grotto next year
 - Bridge w/additional parking near the grotto
 - Pavilion to become indoor/outdoor
 - Obstacles is construction cost
 - Digital organ which is \$85K vs a real organ which is \$1M
 - No maintenance cost
 - 2 new Confessionals inside church w/barriers
 - Small group meeting spaces below FCC
 - Converting classrooms into more comfortable space
 - Looking at the cost to determine how many rooms can do

- Offertory Drive - Jackie
 - Reminder email was sent to parishioners
 - Currently at 40% which is similar to the past or 320 pledges

- Electronic online payments are 50%

Committee Updates

- Faith and Family
 - Overall, please with the new model
 - Attendance has not dropped off with the elementary kids
 - A lot of kids participating as well as handicapped kids that have 15-20 families participating
 - Parents are coming and a lot of Dads are engaged
 - Will take several years to get back to prior to COVID
 - Building a team and working with Pathway
 - Plan for next year is to build on sacraments
- Finance
 - 1st qrt income expenses are a little higher but should even out
 - Small loss for the qrt.
 - due to school support
 - Consultant company was not budgeted
 - Construction in front of the parish hurt
- Adult Faith Formation
 - Rescue Project
 - Just concluded with 300 people in attendance
 - Hope is for life groups to form.
 - Currently a dozen have been developed with a dozen already current.
 - Long-term model
 - Faith formation discipleship
 - Goal is to go from Rescue Project to OCI
 - OCI Dec 3 – Rite of acceptance – 20 people
 - For Advent giving Sunday missal for next year
 - Can be used for life groups mediation
- Timy
 - Currently a couple of weeks break for Dec.
 - A mix of men participating including younger guys that keep coming back
 - Small group discussions
- Young Adult
 - Focus on social gatherings
 - Friendsgiving/Christmas party
 - Many members have gotten married and had kids
- SVCP
 - Fiscal end Sept – a pie chart published in the bulletin where the money had gone.
 - Have given less but still people in need
 - Getting a lot of calls for SJN SVDP based on other organizations do not have the funds
- GSM
 - Reinstated live presentations of requests
 - Educate GSM committee
 - 2 presentations each month
 - Field trip to Cristo Ray HS

- Gave tour talking about the 3 pillars -faith, academics, work studies
 - They stay with students through college
 - Every student must work while attending
 - Recap of fiscal year which ends in June
 - Funded \$61K to groups or individual
 - Friends of the poor
 - Cristo Ray HS
 - Music for the parish
 - 72 for Deacon Carl
- Festivals
 - Receive P/L statement for both festivals
 - 2022 income \$81K – expenses \$61K – net \$24K
 - Purchased a new sound system and new walkie-talkies for outdoor events
 - Distributed \$15k to groups
 - \$2k to GSM
 - \$3K to SVDP
 - \$3K to Mommies Matter
 - \$2k to vocations
 - \$2k to Shane Center
 - \$2k to BWFS
 - \$1k to Pregnancy Resource Center Delaware
 - \$9K to offset October fest loss
 - October fest – income \$14k – expenses \$23K -Loss \$9.6K
 - Will move date next year
 - Silent auction down with new model

Meeting to adjourn made by John Kutys and second by Paul Stokell
 The next committee meeting is Jan. 17th at 6:30
 Respectfully submitted by Tami Wetzel, Parish Council Secretary