

St John Neumann Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2024

Present: Fr. Dury, Tami Wetzel, Jackie Sutton, Kandi Smith, Paul Stokell, Nick Henderson, John Endres, John Kuntz

Absent – Christina Weber, Sam Struppa, Catherine Azzola, Nate Schroeder, Jay Hedrick, Angela Ray

**Opening Prayer** – Fr. Dury

**Old Business** –

- The book “The Activated Disciple” Chapters 5 and 6 were discussed and Chapters 7 and 8 will be discussed in May.

**New Business**

Grotto Dedication-consecrate the Parish to Our Lady

- K of C to supply food and there will be a food truck

A Cross is now part of the Grotto

- St Bernadette is on her way.

Bell tower – there are 3 bells hoping to be blessed at the Grotto dedication.

- They will be named Mary, Joseph, Anthony
- Bell tower construction is to start in April and will be completed this year.
- Big pledge came in this week - almost 100% at goal.

Calendar dates due

- New calendar program on the website – filters based on type of events.
- Kiosks with current-day happenings throughout the church

New member welcome weekend

- Opportunity to register.
- Get everyone involved in the Parish.
- Tables available for groups

Bishop's annual appeal now called The Appeal

- Must meet goal or it will come from offertory.

**Committee Updates**

## **Finance**

- Applied for a grant from the Government for \$100K for security updates.
  - New door system and glass protection bullet resistance

## **Evangelization – formerly Adult Formation**

- Easter Vigil 3/30 –
  - reception after Pentecost Sunday
  - 6 people getting baptized – 7 people coming into the church that are already baptized - 5 adults to complete initiation that are already catholic. Others are currently attending Sunday sessions.
- Rescue Project
  - back in the fall on Sundays maybe after 9 am mass and will have sessions on Thurs. also
  - Start up again Jan.
  - Paul and Katie asked to give a webinar internationally.
- New leader facilitator training April 27th, 9-12

## **Stewardship - formerly development**

- *See new business.*

## **Festivals**

- Had the first meeting of the committee for the summer festival and the Marian festival.
  - Requested permit for fireworks.
  - Bands are scheduled for summer and grotto.
  - June 14/15 summer festival

## **KOC**

- Lots of things throughout the year
- Giving away roses and rosaries at baptisms
- 40 days of life TBD
- Float in 4<sup>th</sup> parade – Focus SJN KOC but anyone can walk or have affiliation on the float.
  - Won first prize last year. Float is from the Diocese

## **GSM**

- Jan soup kitchen funding - BWFS
- Brady Hershberger – Peru mission he had a lower request because he raised most of the money.
- Back in his arms
- Family – A single mother needed a car, so SVDP asked us to help.
- Ongoing relationship with SVDP
  - GSM has flexibility and SVDP has more restrictions.

### **Men Groups**

- Jeff Gardner new president
- Fish fry going well – lost some \$\$ because of the snow on the first one.
  - Usually run out of fish around 6:30
  - Most recent results show it has been profitable -first 3
  - 500 meals this past Friday
  - Lots of volunteers mostly KOC

**TMIY** – no report

**Women group** – new member Kelly Fleser

### **Faith and Family**

- Made bread for Eucharist as a family which has started conversations within the family.
- The new model is working well.

### **SVDP**

- Helped 8 different families and provided \$13,000 this past month.
- If money needed overwhelms one SVDP we twin (share the cost of meeting a need) with another SDVP
- Top Hat Award nominations to SVDP Diocesan Council are due in by the 15<sup>th</sup> of March.
- Sept 28 Friends of the Poor walk with will be held at St. Francis DeSales HS. Donations stay in each SVDP conference.

**Life Groups** – new member Courtney Sauvie

**Young Adults** – no report

Minutes approved by Jackie Sutton and Jay Hendrick

Meeting to adjourn was made by Jackie Sutton and second by Paul Stokell

The next committee meeting is May21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30

Respectfully submitted by Tami Wetzel, Parish Council Secretary