

St John Neumann Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2024

Present: Father Dury, Father Fox, Jay Hedrick, Tami Wetzel, Jackie Sutton, Kandi Smith, Nate Schroeder, Angela Ray, Kelly Fleaser, Courtney Sauvie,

Absent – Catherine Azzola, Mike McDonough, Tim Gose, John Andres, Paul Stokell, Gabe Gessler

Opening Prayer – Father Dury

Old Business

- Constitution Review
 - Angela to get with Tami to ensure proper verbiage is used within the constitution
 - Need to clarify what group leader's updates should include

New Business

- Bell tower blessing Dec 4th by bishop
- Bells will be rung at 9 am – noon – 3pm – 6pm - 9pm and 3 pm divine mercy
 - Drive away demons
 - Reminder to pray
 - Still collecting pledges for the bell tower
- Sacred Heart of Jesus statue will stand 6 ft tall and will be in the center of the circle as you are entering the church
 - It is the year of Sacred Heart -Pope sent a letter about it
 - We need to acknowledge the importance of beauty in our art –
 - Command came from God for the beauty of the temple and the ark – like incense
- Advent season of invitation
 - Invitation to relationship with Jesus and to The Rescue Project
 - Invite someone to The Rescue Project.
 - 6 packs of business cards to pass out to friends and family
 - Invite family and friends to Christmas mass- show them that they are welcome
- Eucharist miracles 11/30 from 5-7 and 12/1 from 10-2
 - Need hospitality help
- Troops of St George – Father Fox is initiating
 - Will be public in new year - currently forming council and charter –
 - It takes 1 adult and 6 kids to form a group - And 1 priest
 - So far there are 12 adults, and 27 kids interested
 - Activities for Father and sons – is catholic based - first grade– high school
 - Merit badges – camping, sports but also badges for praying the rosary and attending mass
 - A lot of community and parish service
 - Deep focus on priesthood or marriage
 - Similar program for girls at ST Paul

- Military Drive
 - For Chillicothe Veterans Hospital is the biggest drive
- Hurricane Relief Donation to North Carolina
 - Have pictures of the items donated
 - Currently we have 3 groups going to help put the area back together
- Offertory drive continues to get cards in

Book club- “You Did It to Me” A Practical Guide to Mercy in Action by Michael E. Gaitley, MIC

- Chapter 5 for next meeting

Group Updates

Men’s group

- Men’s Conference is in Feb. – Go to website to learn more
 - Women’s – Feb15th

Women group

- Money from bazaar: some items and organizations that money has been donated to in the past are, GSM, SVD, nativity, holy water fount, etc
- Women’s dinner 12/2 – open to 100 but must reserve

SVDP

- The annual financial report was shared with the parish in last weekend's bulletin. 80% of funds help with housing/eviction prevention.
- SVDP submitted a grant to GSM on behalf of Big Walnut Friends Who Share (BWFWS). \$9000 was approved to help BWFWS pay facilities rent.
- 12/2 Bishop annual mass at 6:30 for the Society of SVDP with dinner after.
 - speaker about human trafficking
 - 6077 Sharonwoods Blvd.
 - All are welcome
- Christmas basket and food drives going on. Great donations from our parish

Festival

- June 20-21
- Revenue was down last year but still able to give to GSM, SVDP, and Mommies Matter

Life Groups

- Family is a life group
- All groups will connect, study, pray and serve
 - Resources available to guide others to groups
 - Leaders can attend workshop Dec 7th 9-12
 - Rescue project will start Jan 16

Evangelization – See new business

- **Finance** – No report
- **KOC**- no report
- **Family of faith** – no report
- **Young Adults** - no report

The meeting to adjourn was made by Jackie Sutton and second by Angela Ray

The next committee meeting is Jan. 21st at 6:30

Minutes approved by Jay Hedrick and Courtney Sauvie

Respectfully submitted by Tami Wetzel, Parish Council Secretary