

St John Neumann Parish Council
Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2022

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

Need reps for the following people: Mike Bruening, Kate Gibbons

Opening Prayer – Father Dury

Old Business

- Discussion on Part 1 of the book Rescued
 - Discussed how our life relates to what Fr. Ricardo writes in the book
 - Fr. Ricardo makes it simple to understand
- Father Dury encouraged us to attend the Rescue Project that Father Ricardo is presenting on June 18. Sign-ups going on now.
- Bob H. encouraged everyone to read the minutes and approve them once sent out since we are meeting every other month now.
- Festival Update
 - Signed a new contract with a new ATM
 - Buying a new sound system with festival funds
 - Will be used by the church also
 - Looking into replacing radios
 - IT will boost WIFI outside
 - Silent Auction to go to online bidding
 - Items will be on site with pictures
 - Bidding still will close at 9:30 on Sat.
 - Site will tell you when you get out bid
 - Question on how older adults who are not tech savvy are able to bid
 - Currently looking to have Delaware EMS on site both nights
 - Private security will be on site overnight
 - Permits are good – the last information sent
 - Making copies of needed requirements this year to help next years
 - Food trucks in the gravel area which is being cleaned up
 - Still looking for kitchen sponsors and business sponsors

New Business

- Connect Forms had a good turnout
 - 850 families added email or registered
 - 213 families have one person preparing for a sacrament
 - 155 people participate in a small group
 - 164 individuals participate in adoration
 - Need 2 people deep each hour before adding hours
 - 240 willing to share talents and serve

- Welcome Kiosk
 - Staff will currently be at the kiosk at every mass, but looking for volunteers
- Master Planning Process - Additional Buildings
 - Additional families each week. Currently 1900 families.
 - Hired an architect to develop a plan
 - for a grade school/preschool
 - To include additional parking
 - Potential expansion of pavilion
 - Update AV equipment
 - Possible Marian grotto
 - Handicap accessible
 - Altar for mass
 - Goal is also to keep green space.
- Family of Faith Ministry
 - Moving into family focus which centers on family.
 - Grades K-12
 - Want to do a meet and greet with each family to get to know their needs
 - Using our facilities as a family of families
 - Parents only night – also how do we utilize grandparents and godparents
 - To encourage their children to witness their faith so it is not just classroom knowledge
 - Parents will learn as well by growing deeper with each other and will grow deeper with GOD as a family
 - Damascus will lead middle and high school nights
 - MS will meet once a month
 - HS will meet each Sunday
 - Kate to focus on parents and building relationships with teens
 - Elementary will use Pathways boxes which included activities for parents and kids to do together for the experience
 - As a family, learn and help each other and other families
 - Elementary to meet each Tues.
- Committee Updates
 - AFF- Paul
 - 11 people receive sacraments at Easter
 - 6 people became inquirers
 - Luke gospel of mercy is complete
 - Rescue initiative this fall – Thurs night and Wed morning
 - Team is going to Rescue Project in June
 - Mens club
 - Last event was a success and a one will be coming in the fall
 - That Man is You
 - Summer series will start June-Aug focusing on the Beatitudes by Fr. Kapaun

- GSM
 - Presentations were made to receive funds needed for their charity
 - Heard presentations from Gracehaven and Pregnancy Resources
 - Backdoor ministry was given money to provide 200 bags which included protein snacks and sanitizer to help meet the needs of the hungry in downtown Columbus

- Finance
 - Parish is in very good shape thanks to Parishioners
 - Made budget TY
 - Budget is being completed for next year

Meeting to adjourn made by John Kutys and second by Bob Hetterscheit
The next committee meeting is Sept. 20th at 6:30
Respectfully submitted by Tami Wetzel, Parish Council Secretary