

St John Neumann Parish Council
Meeting Minutes
Jan. 17th, 2023

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

Opening Prayer – Father Dury

Old Business – Father Dury

- Discussion on Part 4 “Response” of the book Rescued
 - Surrender – entrust faith – What does God want from me?
 - The mission Response to our sphere of influence (marriage, friendships, profession)
 - Signs of Faith- Make God tangible and present to others, in action and one day at a time.
 - Care of the sick
 - Care of the poor
 - Unity
 - Forgiveness
 - Women- both women and men are redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus and are equal in dignity.
- Do not be afraid. God is with you. You were born for this.

New Business

School Survey Update

- 820 families' w/kids have participated.
 - Over 1000 total
- This will be used as a tool to help us determine if a school will be built but God will guide us.
- Results will be communicated in Feb.
- Need approval by Bishop.

Capital Campaign

- Pending Bishops approval
 - Digital Organ ordered and being built and will be installed 3/16- \$100k
 - Will replenish funds w/campaign.
 - Will play traditional and contemporary chants.
 - Planning to have 2 traditional with masses w/organ.
 - Additional confessions being built in Spain to be put in the North part of the church.
 - Grotto will be built north of the pavilion in the picnic area.
 - Will be a place of honor and prayer along with outdoor masses
 - Classrooms are being re-done for life groups.
 - Room décor is different but can be used by any gender- 1 more masculine, 1 more feminine, and 1 more youthful
 - Belltower will be our challenge item if we get the campaign money
 - Located at the main entrance/ Calls people to worship/Wards off demons.

Staff restructure

- The staff has taken on different roles and titles to help increase evangelism
- Bulletin will have the updates.

Easter Mass will change times on Sunday.

- 7 – 9 – 11 with Easter vigil at 8:30 Sat

Committee Updates

Finance

- Stewardship up 9%
- For confessionals and organ, we are funding with savings/operating and getting approval to replenish which may take some time because they want to know how we are going to pay. Can't build until 100% committed.
 - Organ -will be delivered after 3/16
 - Confessional – asking for approval.
 - Grotto -\$810,000
 - Bell tower - \$1.2 M

Adult Faith Formation

- OCI
 - Anyone can attend OCI meetings and always look for sponsors.
 - Preparing to be baptized – 8 people.
 - To be received into the church – 5 people
 - Completing initiation – 2 people
 - Inquirers – 7 people
- Life Groups
 - Rescue Project – 70 people attending this session.
 - Currently about 25 life groups came out of Rescue Project
 - Paul/Katie will be an open resource to help with groups help determine what to study and help build a base.
 - They know what groups have openings and will not micro-manage.

Men/Women Groups

- Timy starting the spring semester and lines up with lent.
- There will be a push at the pulpit for men's/women's conferences.
- Young Adult
 - Focusing on quality vs quantity
 - Mostly college-age who attend during breaks and early 20s are the ones who attend continuously
 - Last event was a Christmas Friendsgiving

SVDP

- Looking for volunteers
- Reminder that there are cards to provide people that come into the church looking for donations which provide them a hotline to call.

GSM

- Group's purpose is to prevent double dipping with possible requests made from groups in need.
- Working closely with SVDP with the goal to help the poor.
 - Looking for ways to help SVDP.
- Every request goes through the funding request process.
 - Sponsored Mission 72 -entire event.
 - Family support of parishioners
- New members of Ad Hoc positions need to be filled in the hope to take executive positions.

Festivals

- Have the dates for both festivals. Summer 6/16 and 6/17- Octoberfest 9/23
- Tents reserved.
- Have not started meetings yet.

KOC

- Sub sales this weekend and 2/18-2/19
- Collecting snacks for the Ronald McDonald House
- Fish Fry helping the men's club.
- Christmas party in June with family members
- Dec 18 Knights/family put red ribbons on Fallen Hero Memorial
 - This summer will be cleaning.

Meeting to adjourn was made by John Kutys and second by Nate Schoeder
The next committee meeting is March 21st at 6:30
Respectfully submitted by Tami Wetzel, Parish Council Secretary