St. Sebastian Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

6/24/2021

In Attendance: Father Valencheck, Ivan, Tracie, Natalie, Marcy, Jack, Matt, Christina, Alex and Jennie

 New Members: Susan Clark, Sue Sassano, Dave Gasper, Matt Dubroy

Excused: Alex, Jennifer, Tiffany, Ed

**Time Began: 7:20 p.m.**

**Adjourned: 8:30 p.m.**

**Welcome**

* Meeting called to order by Christina. Meeting started after Council attended free concert in the Church’s courtyard while enjoying a potluck dinner.
* Minutes approved through email and posted on website
* Opening Prayer – Christina
* Introductions of current and new Council Members
* Introduction of officers: Christina (Chair), Jennie (Vice-Chair), Tracie (Secretary)

**Pastor’s Report - Fr. Valencheck**

* Introduction to Father Peter
* Heart of the Shepherd Campaign underway. Parish has already reached 65% of the fundraising goal.
* On July 27 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., the City of Akron is hosting a community meeting about Mull Ave. construction. Church may be assessed around $100,000 for the improvements which can be spread out over 20 years.
* Parishioner has asked Father V for ideas for donation. Possible ideas include: 1. Expanding Early Learning Center, 2. Remodeling Byrider Hall (not including gym), 3. Building new greenhouse, 4. Other ideas turned into Father V.

**Old Business**

* Ministry assignments are still be reviewed and will be discussed at the next meeting
* Volunteer opportunities - Jennie spoke with Michelle Huber. Michelle said there are many ways to promote volunteer opportunities including a Volunteer Opportunity Corner in the bulletin, webpage, updates in Bloomz and Father V’s newsletter.
	+ Discussed the need to encourage stewardship at the Parish and discussed possible stewardship fair. There used to be Stewardship Sunday’s and volunteer information afterwards
	+ Jennie will work on developing a form for the voluntary information

**New Business (Tiffany)**

* Explained to new Parish Council members the Parish Council By-Laws, Parish Council Google Docs page, Compline, ministry assignments, etc. WIll take new council member pictures for posting on the website at the next meeting
* Looking for couples to participate in the Engaged Couple Program. Volunteer couples meet with engaged couples to review questionnaires and help prepare couples for successful marriage. This is different from the Pre-Cana ministry. If anyone is interested contact Father V or Cathy Sivic.
* Youth ministry leaders are needed

**Pulse of the Parish/Commission Reports**

* 4000 pounds of food from the garden were donated
* Gabriel Ministry - discussed if mass should still be televised. The televised mass provides an opportunity for homebound parishioners to watch mass or for working parishioners to watch daily mass. Discussed promoting the delivery of communion to homebound parishioners.

**Compline –**  Christina

**Next Meeting: July 29 at 7 – 8:30 p.m. in the Rectory**

**Prayer and Compline –**