

Parish Council Meeting

January 24th, 2022

Attendees: Doug Faison, Julie, Michael Strickland, Bill, Patricia Gillespie, Dan Jones, Monsignor, Cliff Thompson, Emma Linn, Todd, Dennis Bewie, Pasquale Errichiello.

Missing: Tyler Helms, Greg Costello

Started at 7:04 with prayer

Unanimously approved minutes

Monsignor update – Parishioners have been asking about security for the parish. Monsignor spoke regarding the plans to update security. Officer shortage has been an issue since the city moved to an agency to assign officers. We have submitted request for Saturday mass in addition to our usual requests. Things have been installed such as bullet proof glass in baptistry, panic buttons, extra locks on nursery doors and more. Panic button dispatches police immediately and have been very impressed with their response rate.

We are exploring the idea for certain projects which include redoing the parking lot, the soundboard and repaving the sidewalks. We have experienced sound issues with echoing and people not managing sound efficiently. Also looking to maybe hire someone or upgrade system. Ideally we would like to build some kind of sound absorption for the baptistry.

Planned giving committee – to make estate contributions to help fund future projects

Youth ministry update – We have had another change within the ministry after Isabell resigned. We are looking for a replacement, but it has been difficult to find someone truly committed to get the program up and running. Looking for someone that is energetic, can connect well with the children and can bring some ideas, but most importantly consistency. The role does require a lot of work, but Monsignor stresses the importance of having someone that can connect which will naturally have kids more excited.

The mortgage has been paid off! We are looking to plan an event to celebrate paying off mortgage. We could hold two separate events, one being an outdoor event for the entire parish while the other being a more exclusive dinner for people that contributed in the last campaign.

Monsignor closed with prayer at 8:53pm.