

Holy Family Parish Council Meeting Minutes – January 22, 2024

Attendees: Fr. George Munjanattu, Jackie Mudd (Chairperson), Bennet Davis, Elizabeth Hobson, Seena Iype, Michele Osbourn and Becky Morris.

Absent: Helen Arnold, Jim Gast.

Fr. George opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a prayer.

1. Financial Update – Jackie informed the Council that Holy Family is in good financial standing. Funds in our bank account exceed \$440K. The Archdiocesan debt is at \$394K. A second additional payment of \$20K will be made to the Archdiocese (from previous Finance Committee and Parish Council agreement.) The Finance Committee will proceed to invest \$50k into a Fifth/Third fund (the minimum required). The Lot off Poplar Level is still for sale. Both the Social Club and Altar Sodality still have funds to be transferred to the general parish fund.
2. Stewardship forms – since these were mailed late, Jackie says we will allow an extra month for parishioners to return the forms. We've received 66 so far.
3. Saffin Center Update – The Saffin Center committee met January 22, 2024.
 - Committee working on a list of maintenance projects and improvements.
 - The kitchen and bar have been cleaned and painted.
 - Riede Room - Bingo sign removed; trophies will be donated after the plates removed; trophy cases are sold; needs work on the ceiling, floor and paint.
 - Bathrooms
 - Discussing table cloths, chair covers for rentals.
 - Discussing painting the lower half of the gym.
 - Attempting to sell one old grand piano.
 - Rentals are picking up. Committee discussing idea of booking back-to-back events in the same space. Details/logistics under discussion.
4. Statue Update – The statue supposedly crated and on its way. Difficult to track. We do not have an arrival date. The concrete base will need to be in place and ready by delivery and installation. Once we have the firm date of arrival and installation, we will plan a Blessing Ceremony, asking Archbishop Fabre to preside. A luncheon will be planned following the ceremony. Fr. George has obtained a set of Stations of the Cross to be added to the area around the new statue. He is pursuing display boxes for them that provide shelter and light.
5. Hiring Updates:
 - Music Director Update – Potential candidate still needs to confirm with Fr. George salary, responsibilities and sign a contract. Intent is to be in place by Lent.

- Maintenance person – we have no applicants for this position. Bennet Davis indicated he knew someone who might fill this position. Bennet will check with the person and send contact info to Fr. George.
6. Safety Concerns – the new policy of locking the church when in use went into effect in January, but with some issues. Council had further discussion on who would lock the doors and when. It was agreed signs be placed at the rectory side door and main doors requesting guests to use the door by the Archdiocesan side. Groups using the church are locking the doors after everyone enters.
 7. Events: Card party 2/3; Fish Fries begin 2/9; Valentine’s Dance 2/10; Ash Wednesday 2/14.
 8. Fr. George mentioned budget items:
 - 1) Fix and paint the sanctuary
 - 2) Repair the organ (possible concert as fundraiser)
 - 3) Pay the Archdiocese the additional \$20k
 - 4) Altar cloths and banners – the remainder are being made and will be shipped. These will be paid for from the Altar Sodality funds.

Fr. George also mentioned the Worship Committee Meeting scheduled 1/23/24. He will ask the Finance Committee to increase the music budget or consider raising funds through a concert.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. with a prayer led by Fr. George. .

Next meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2024.

(Minutes submitted by Becky Morris.)