

Holy Family Parish Council Meeting Minutes – May 22, 2023

Attendees: Deacon Pat Wright, Jackie Mudd (Chairperson), Helen Arnold, Bennet Davis, Elizabeth Hobson, Seena Iype, Michele Osbourn and Becky Morris. Guest: Don Coomes Malloy.

Absent: Fr. George Munjanattu, Jim Gast

Deacon Pat opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a prayer.

1. Budget Review – Don Coomes (bookkeeper) attended the meeting to answer any questions Council members might have for the 2023-2024 parish budget. There were minor adjustments, but the final numbers did not change. The Parish Council approved the budget. Don let everyone know that he would be retiring in the next months. The members thanked him for his years of service to Holy Family.
2. Saffin Center Committee Update – Committee members met on 5/22/23. They are working on the following items: 1) identify renters and categorize as full-contract price or reduced-contract price; 2) making a list of potential décor upgrades for the Saffin Center and determine a budget; 3) Marketing – working on a package to present to prospective renters. Ideas include: determining who should be our market; pursuing more than the sports contracts we currently have; marketing to local business, holiday parties. How do we get on their list of potential rental sites? Marketing the gym and Riede Rooms differently. Possible need to provide more soundproofing, audio/visual equipment. Other discussion included: need to develop a brochure or packet; to get Holy Family added to Google’s “event places near me;” set up Google form on web site where questions may be sent to appropriate staff/other persons to handle. Suggestion to create other Google forms as links on the web site.

ACTION ITEMS: Kaylie Malloy will have a parish information booth at the picnic. It was suggested to have brochure/pamphlet or information sheets to pass out to visitors. Seena Iype will develop the information sheet to be placed at Kaylie’s booth and Food booths.

3. Picnic Update – plans are going well. Still need sodas and water, plus June gift cards. Have added event “Thirsty Thursday” for over 21 crowd. It was suggested we might include a corn hole tournament.
4. Flag Pole on front of property – Bill Smith met with the Archdiocese about an electrical feed from their building to lights at the flag pole. They determined there was not a location on that end of their building. Instead we will trench from church to provide the electrical line. Bill already has a flag. Council members discussed a re-dedication ceremony once work completed.
5. Upcoming Fundraisers – continued discussions on additional fundraisers. Some discussion on logistics for bingos. New ideas include:

September – Trivia Night; October – Blessing of the Animals, a “Dogs and Beer Night”;
December – “Light Up Holy Family” with dinner.

6. Bulletin Review – the bulletin will have a “new look” in July. The staff page will be different. The directory company was given a list of Holy Family donors to contact and complete blanks on back page. Council member suggested putting the Parish Directory on-line or a link to it for users instead of just a paper directory each year. **ACTION ITEM:** Council members requested to bring in other church bulletins to see what they look like.
7. Other items:
 - YOYOs met on May 18th with approximately 20-25 attendees. YOYO means Young-Old, Young-Old. This group is a carryover from days when we had a school. Parishioners were matched with individual grades and did activities together. When the school closed, the YOYO group continued as a social and service group. (Did not meet during 2020 till now due to Covid.) The next date is June 15th at 8:30 a.m. in the Brennan Room.
 - Parish Leadership meeting – Jackie has not yet determined a date. Possibly July after the picnic.
 - Holy Family Statue for front of property. Fr. George is still looking at choices.
 - Property on Becker Ave. – we have a realtor in place and a neighbor interested
 - Posting of calendar at gym and church. Office should handle. **Jackie to follow-up.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. with a prayer led by Deacon Pat.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 26th (unless cancelled due to the picnic).

(Minutes submitted by Becky Morris.)