

Holy Family Parish Council Meeting Minutes – February 26, 2024

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

Absent: Jim Gast (sick leave)

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. She shared a copy of the Semi-Annual Financial Report (July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023) with the Council members. The report will be in Sunday's bulleting. Highlights:
 - 1) Income exceeded budget by >\$ 60K.
 - 2) Net Income exceeded budget by > \$20K.
 - 3) Balance of debt-free indebtedness to the Archdiocese is < \$400K.
 - 4) We've received several bequests from deceased members.
 - 5) We incurred two major expenses: in late summer we repaired one and replaced another of the HVAC systems in church; we had a large plumbing bill to replace a backflow valve in the restroom in church.
 - 6) Most all of our major fundraisers will occur in the second half of our fiscal year (Jan-June 2024). These include the Card Party, Valentines Dance, Fish Fries and Summer Festival.
2. Stewardship forms – we've received 80 forms. These include 2 new parishioners with more expressing interest (several after visiting the Nativity displays). **ACTION ITEM:** Jackie will consolidate and distribute to the committees.
3. Saffin Center Update – The Saffin Center committee met February 26, 2024.
 - Riede Room renovations continue. It will be painted after the fish fries finish. Committee also looking into new LVP or LVL flooring.
 - We have a new fryer and all equipment has been serviced.
 - Committee working on a list of maintenance projects and improvements.
 - Bathrooms
 - Rentals are picking up. Committee discussing the idea of hiring a part-time booking agent to work with potential renters and handle contracts. We've had 10 rentals from the web site we've contracted with to promote our facilities.
4. Technology Grant – **ACTION ITEM:** Jackie Mudd and Jennifer Zoeller checking if purchasing a new Bell Tower System and screen projector can be covered by an available technology grant. Council requested they also check if new door lock code systems are a possibility.
5. Hiring Update – A booking manager for the Saffin Center is under discussion. We need more hours than the current maintenance person is able to provide. Rick Knoop has agreed to serve as our part-time Music Director (still needs to complete paperwork). He will primarily be here to play the piano and organ on Sundays.

6. Safety Concerns – the new policy of locking the church when in use went into effect in January. Council members further discussed who would lock the doors and when. It was agreed signs would be placed at the rectory side door and main doors requesting guests to use the door by the Archdiocesan side. (Rectory side locked at beginning of Mass; Back doors locked 10-15 minutes after Mass starts.) Groups using the church are locking the doors after everyone enters. **ACTION ITEM:** Elizabeth Hobson will create the signs.
7. Stations of the Cross for outside display – The set of Stations from India are almost ready for installation. Bill Smith has made 14 display covers for the stations. There was discussion on where to place these in front of the church along Poplar Level Road and additional discussion on installing a brick path that will be wheelchair accessible. A suggestion was made to have a “Buy a Brick” fundraiser to help offset costs.
8. Holy Family Statue update – The statue is on a boat with delivery hopefully by the end of March. We will need to have the concrete base completed prior to installation.
9. Fish Fry Update – First three fish fries exceeded 2023 income and amount of fish served. We will be capping amount of fish to 1,050 pounds for future Fridays. Saffin Center Committee discussed converting one of the ovens to a convection oven to allow us to prepare additional food more quickly.
10. Picnic Update - this year we will have 3 different bands – 1 each night Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Picnic Committee looking to include special events (corn hole, midget wrestling, petting zoo) and to expand our outdoor menu to include hamburgers.
11. Other items:
 - 1) Our Retreat in February was successful. Another will be planned for spring 2025.
 - 2) We are seeing an increase in Baptisms, First Communion and Confirmations.
 - 3) Fr. George is proposing a parish outing, perhaps in August. More info to come.
 - 4) Kathy Gardner has expressed a desire to serve on the Parish Council.
 - 5) Rick Knoop was invited to attend a Saturday Mass to meet those parishioners (he has agreed to attend 3/16).
 - 6) There was discussion around keeping the Holy Family Facebook “closed” and the reasons behind this. No changes proposed at this time.
 - 7) St. Stephen Martyr community thanks Holy Family for holding a Rosary service in support of their needs at this time.

Fr. George also mentioned the Eucharistic Congress is coming through Louisville in July. The walk is coming from four different points in the United States ending in Indianapolis. They should be coming up Bardstown Road the first weekend in July, through Louisville on July 7th. **ACTION ITEM:** Elizabeth Hobson will prepare a flyer with more information.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. with a prayer led by Fr. George. (Minutes submitted by Becky Morris.)

Next meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2024.