

Holy Family Parish Council Meeting Minutes – November 27, 2023

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

Absent: Deacon Pat Wright and Bennet Davis. (Deacon Pat will no longer serve on the Parish Council).

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

1. Debt Update – Jackie informed the Council that Holy Family is in good financial standing. Funds in our bank account exceed \$400K. The Finance Committee is pursuing opportunities to invest some of our funds. Fifth/Third Bank has a fund that several parishes have joined that averages 10% per year return. The Archdiocese also has a fund that pays 2%. The Finance Committee proposes investing \$50k into the Fifth/Third fund (the minimum required). They also recommend investing in the Archdiocesan fund. After discussion, the Parish Council recommends the parish maintain funds to cover 1 year of expenses. The Council concurs on the Fifth/Third investment but requests additional information about the Archdiocesan fund (since not FDIC guaranteed).
2. Statue Update – The statue is complete and being crated for shipping. We do not have an arrival date. 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 is getting quotes for a set of Stations of the Cross to be added to the area around the new statue.
3. Saffin Center Update – The Saffin Center committee met November 27, 2023.
 - Improvements – the kitchen and bar have been cleaned and painted.
 - Renovation of the Riede Room is next. Bingo sign removed. Mary Beth Porter and Stan Peden have gone through the alumni trophies and other things. Trophy cases are all sold.
 - Propose selling one old piano, 2 large tables and multiple bingo boards.
 - We did obtain the full liquor license – beer, wine, liquor (correction from meeting discussion).
 - Committee continues making a list of things to repair and credit card use by the bar.
 - We are experiencing an issue with billing for use of the Saffin Center. We would like to be paid before the event. Some groups not paying until after, with some billing well behind schedule.
 - We've receive 4 bookings from the website.
4. Hiring Updates:
 - Music Update – Becky Morris reported that she and Fr. George have met with a potential new music director. This person interested in part-time work, playing on Sundays, developing/directing a choir and handling administrative work. The Council authorized

Fr. George to negotiate a contract with a minimum monthly salary. If a contract is signed, the new director will begin in February.

- Maintenance person – we have no applicants for this position. Jackie Mudd, Don Wissell and other volunteers continue to handle the main maintenance work. Council members requested to continue to spread the word.

5. Organ repair – this issue will be tabled until potential new director in place.
6. Fr. George reminded everyone of a new partnership with Bellarmine to provide food and other needs for students at Bellarmine who need some assistance with food and personal items. A monthly list of items will be sent with a basket in church.
7. Safety Concerns – there was much discussion about safety/security concerns mentioned by multiple parishioners. We've had incidents of strangers entering the church and Saffin Center when volunteers are working. It was suggested we consider additional money in the next year's budget to change the locks in church. All were reminded to be more watchful.

Recommendations:

- Close/lock the doors 10 minutes after Mass begins.
- For groups in the church (cleaning volunteers, musicians, rosary, etc.) only open one door then close/lock the door after everyone there.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Becky to put announcement in the bulletin that beginning in January, doors will be locked 10 minutes after Mass begins. Volunteers will be requested to monitor the doors for late arrivals.

8. Other items:

- Seena Iype is updating the parish brochure. It will be available for events throughout December.
- Jackie and Seena still need to develop the Welcoming Package.

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

Next meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2024.

(Minutes submitted by Becky Morris.)