

Holy Family Parish Council Meeting Minutes – January 23, 2023

Attendees: Fr. George Munjanattu, Deacon Pat Wright, Jackie Mudd (Chairperson), Jim Gast, Elizabeth Hobson, Seena Iype (new member), Michele Osbourn and Becky Morris. **Absent:** Helen Arnold and Bennett Davis. **Guests:** Mike Jefferson and Don Wissel

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

1. Seena Iype was introduced as a new member to the Parish Council. She is a member of the Syro Malabar community at Holy Family. Bennet Davis will also be joining the Council but was not in attendance.
2. Mike Jefferson and Don Wissel brought us news about the continued leaking in the steeple area of the church tower. After explanation and discussion, the decision was made that Mike, Don and Marvin Stober will continue to monitor/observe trying to pinpoint the exact issue. Then we will pursue a contractor to review and repair. It was also reported that the heat exchanger is out of service in the Riede Room of the Saffin Center. A replacement part has been ordered.
3. Finance Discussion – Finance Committee recommends the Saffin Center committee be updated to review ideas to increase use (and revenue) of the Saffin Center.
 - a) The Finance Committee recommended increasing the number of Saffin Center committee members. Issues for the Saffin Center committee include: reviewing revised contracts to include wording and possible pricing to cover set-up and tear-down of the rental spaces; possible parishioner on site with renters to monitor usage and care of the facility; use of kitchen.
 - b) Fundraisers – Parish fundraisers include Altar Sodality Card Party, Valentine’s Dance, Fish Fries, Picnic, and Kroger Rewards. Suggestion that the Friday morning Pickleball be moved to Friday, Saturday or Sunday evenings as a fundraiser.
 - c) Stewardship Workshop – 98 Stewardship forms returned. Fr. George and Jackie would like 2 additional volunteers to work on this Workshop.
 - d) On-line access to “Form” renewed for one year.
 - e) Collections – under review to see if anything obvious about drop in money collected.
 - f) Discussed having the Saffin Center be listed on wedding venue web sites. We can also advertise the availability of the church for weddings.
 - g) “Real Talk” – Holy Family has many older parishioners; ~\$400K debt; lost cell tower contract/revenue; collections are down; fewer workers for fundraising activities. Suggested we look at demographics of our parish and identify ways to engage those not attending church to return. **ACTION ITEM:** Council members requested to look at goals for 5, 10 and 15 years and what we can start doing now to prepare. Bring any ideas to the next Parish Council meeting. It was suggested we hold “Town Hall” meetings to share this information with the parishioners and listen to ideas they might have. (Scheduled in March.)

4. Project List – Items were added to the list.
 - conversion of some of the ovens in the Saffin Center to convection ovens
 - Landscaping – a neighbor in the landscaping business will do a walk-thru and give recommendations on what is needed to update our landscaping. If funding is approved, work will be done as one large job, then the parish teams will maintain.
5. Worship Committee met and has created a calendar for the year.
6. Other discussion:
 - Altar Sodality and Social Club purchased additional card tables (square and round) for parish use.
 - Parish Directory – This will be deferred to a later date.
 - Archdiocesan policy on having security at events where alcohol is sold. **ACTION ITEM:** Deacon Pat will check into this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. with a prayer by Deacon Pat.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2023.

(Minutes submitted by Becky Morris.)