

Holy Family Parish Council Meeting Minutes – January 24, 2022

Attendees: Fr. George Munjanattu, Deacon Pat Wright, Jackie Mudd (Chairperson), Helen Arnold, Jim Gast, Michele Osbourn and Becky Morris. **Guest:** Deacon Greg Gitscher **Absent:** Randy Thomas.

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

1. Parish Security - Deacon Greg Gitscher visited with the Council to discuss how parishes are addressing desires for increased security. He went through several levels of protection and possible equipment, training, etc. for consideration. Deacon Greg offered to visit our campus and do a “vulnerability assessment” and give us his recommendations. He also volunteered to hold a safety training workshop for parishioners. Deacon Pat informed the Council members of other estimates he’s received for additional cameras. **ACTION ITEM:** Deacon Greg will meet with Fr. George and Deacon Pat tentatively on 2/1 to walk our property and make security recommendations perhaps in a phased approach. **ACTION ITEM:** Michelle to ask the Health Ministries team if they’d be interested in sponsoring a workshop on safety ideas for situational awareness. Deacon Greg will be the presenter. **ACTION ITEM:** Council members asked to send any security ideas or concerns to Deacon Pat.
2. New sign on the front of the property is moving slowly. At issue is the number of signs allowed across the front of the church property. A surveyor is needed to define where the Holy Family and Archdiocesan property line is located (expensive). A second option may be to remove both of the signs in front of the church/rectory and replace with one new sign. This is still under discussion.
3. Property at 1214 Becker Avenue – Deacon Pat has been unsuccessful getting a response from the neighbor who previously expressed a desire to purchase the property. Before consulting a realtor to sell, it was suggested Deacon Pat put the information in the bulletin in case there is a parishioner interested in purchasing the property. **ACTION ITEM:** Deacon Pat to put an announcement in the bulletin about the sale of the property for parishioners’ consideration.
4. Stewardship – Jackie to finish consolidating data from the stewardship forms within 2 weeks. She’ll give the committee lists to chairpersons. Discussion on who will lead the formation committee with Jim Gadlage’s retirement from that position. Suggestion that Fr. George put an announcement in the bulletin. May also look at the results from the stewardship form on who wants to be involved with that committee. It was suggested to recognize Jim’s contribution to the parish, perhaps on donut Sunday. **ACTION ITEM:** Fr. George to put something in the bulletin about needing a new chairperson. Also to consider honoring Jim at the next donut Sunday in February.
5. Fish Fries – Will start Friday February 25th. Jackie notified Council members of a fish fry meeting on Wednesday January 26th to discuss logistics and food supply issues. Current plans are to return to indoor and carryout dining.
6. FORMED – Finance Committee approved funding to renew the parish on-line access to the FORMED site for another year. **ACTION ITEM:** An announcement is to be placed in the bulletin reminding everyone about the availability of this site and how to access.

7. Saffin Center usage by parishioners – There was discussion about allowing parishioners to use the Saffin Center free for certain “significant milestone” events such as anniversaries or birthdays. Council members were in agreement, though a milestone list was not defined. It was noted that various committees would need to get their events posted promptly to the parish calendar to avoid conflicts.
8. Project List – three items were discussed and added to the parish project list. Awnings are still desired over the church doors. Jennifer Zoeller knows someone and will request an estimate. The existing church bells are getting old. While the existing bells still work, new bells would be “smart” friendly and able to be easily updated what they play and timing. The current camera used for YouTube Masses has 9 positions, but freezes when jumping from one location to another (altar, ambo, priest seat, cantor). An additional camera could be programed to be automatically ready for the next position so service runs smoother.
ACTION ITEM: Council members requested to send any additional items to Jackie to be considered to add to the project list.

9. Other discussion:

- Becky reported that the Altar Sodality 50/50 has sold more than 500 tickets with an additional 250 to sell. Drawing will be February 25th, the evening of the first fish fry.
- Health Ministry team is planning a Health Fair on 9/25.
- Question asked if the rectory could be changed from a “business” location to a “residence” to allow the friars to order COVID-19 test kits. **ACTION ITEM:** Deacon Pat will check if this can be done through the Post Office.
- Ron Knott has been invited to the 2/28 Parish Council meeting to discuss “Parish Revitalization.” All ministries at Holy Family will be invited to the presentation.
ACTION ITEM: Fr. George to request office staff to issue invitations to chairpersons of the various parish committees to attend this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. with a prayer by Deacon Pat. **Next meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2022.** (Minutes submitted by Becky Morris.)