

Parish Council Minutes November 12, 2024 7:00 PM

Members Present: Maude McCarthy, Jim, Clay Murphy, Zak McKinley, Kristin Kupper, Fr. Gary, Tony Marconi, Barb S. Annie, and McDonald.

Guests: Aggie Noonan, David Glenn, and Greg Fowler.

Committee Reports

Young Adults (David Glenn) – The young adult group meets biweekly to discuss the upcoming Sunday's readings and hold social conversations. Their goal is to grow and organize more social events such as pickleball games and pizza parties. Attendance is the main issue because it can vary each week. There are other young adult groups within the archdiocese, so the goal is to not compete with them. David talks to young adults he sees at Mass to recruit for the group. The council reiterated our support for the group and asked David to let us know if there were more ways the parish could support the group.

Senior Outreach (Aggie Noonan) – The senior outreach has been active for 2 years and meets approximately 5 times a year. A potluck and presentation about various subjects are provided. There is no charge to attend, but donations are accepted. Fellowship is the main goal of the group.

Chair Report (Maude)

- Minutes were unanimously approved – Zak motioned approval, Tony seconded.
- We are still looking for new members for the Parish Council.
- St. James School had a booth at the LAG Showcase. The students, faculty, and Knights of Columbus helped with setup and teardown. Gregg talked with many people and the students were able to display their art.

Pastor Report (Fr. Gary)

- 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope will be celebrated at St. James on January 13, 2025 with Archbishop Fabre. Fr. Gary will be gone.
- Parish Strategic planning for the Archdiocese – The Archdiocese is in the process of assessing what and if something needs to be changed due to having too many parishes and not enough priests. Fr. Gary does not think we would close, but possibly merge our two parishes. The main question for us is “How do we demonstrate our viability.” We must continue to be an active parish, grow, and maintain our facilities.

Old/New Business (Gregg Fowler)

Parish Security

- Several incidents have caused people to feel unsafe while attending Mass.
- The plan approved by the parish council for both parishes is to lock the Church doors 10 minutes after Mass starts. This is in accordance with the Archdiocese of Louisville's policy to prevent mass shootings and other possible violent events.
- Other parishes throughout the archdiocese already follow this procedure.
- We need a written policy on record for implementation of this plan clearly stating what we are doing and that it is in accordance with the archdiocese.

- Fr. Gary will talk with those who do not agree with the plan.

Business Manager (Kristin Kupper)

- Christmas Mass times and the schedule for Bardstown Road Aglow will be in the Record.
- Poinsettia sales are currently underway.
- We are working on launching the Hallow app for our parishes.
- She is getting approval for the repair of the roof at St. James. – one bid was \$24,000.
- The bid for painting the front of St. James is \$29,000.
- Kristin is working on identifying building/maintenance projects around the parishes, which might lead to a future capital campaign fundraiser.

Closing prayer 9:09 PM.

Next meeting will be on February 11, 2025.