

ST. JOHN PAUL II
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
November 6, 2024
St. John Paul II Academy Cafeteria
6:00 p.m.

6:00 Opening Prayer-Fr Casey

6:10 Fr. Casey discussion items:

1. Parish Liaison Reports
 - a. Curt: Parish life (including senior adult) and formation
 - i. ASAPP is off to a good start
 - ii. January starting the Dead Theologians Society
 - iii. Kapaun's mens group
 - iv. Advent Mission being promoted in the bulletin
 - v. 33 days to Morning Glory a Marian Consecration to Jesus through Mary
 1. Father wishes to hand the graces from the work in the pantry and other charitable works over to Mary to dispense the graces and amplify and grow the parish on Monday 6:30pm mass on 12/9 to pray the consecration. Maybe followed by a catered dinner. All approved
 - vi. Youth ministry for middle schoolers is going well
 - vii. Three catechumens are preparing to receive Penance, Communion and Confirmation by 12/22 10:30 mass
 - b. Pattie: Social concerns
 - c. Katherine: Divine worship
 - i. Preparing for Advent
 - ii. Lesson and Carols
 - iii. Vespers/Evening Prayer/Liturgy of the Hours 12/12 Our Lady of Guadalupe
 - iv. School Christmas program on 12/10
 - v. Fr. Casey asked about a tradition of dressing the Chalice with adding a veil covering when the Sacristans prepare for the mass? EJ asked why and Father explained to draw more attention to the Precious Blood. Everyone approved
 - vi. EJ asked about Extraordinary Ministers not coming up to the altar as being uncomfortable in addition to leading to possible spills or dropping of the Precious Eucharist. He feels that the Ministers should be around the altar when receiving communion. Spiritually uncomfortable was the unanimous answer. Father talked about the raised altar represents Calvary and the sacrifice of the cross. The lay people being lower represent the apostles that feed the crowds. A rich theology/symbolism
 - d. Alicia: School
 - i. School mass will be held on 12/9 and they will be consecrated to Mary and maybe have a procession through the school
 - e. Dave: Administration
 - i. YTD where we stand will be in this weeks bulletin
 - ii. Dave has worked hard to make sure the report matches the books
 - iii. The new financial system (ParishSOFT) will help to make sure this matches
 - iv. Updates are being done daily

- v. Resealed and painted the track
 - vi. Front door and door by tabernacle electronic locks and cameras in the entrance way
 - vii. The school is putting some cameras in too.
 - viii. Nolan Cook is the new field administrator about 10 hours a week
 - ix. Frank reported that we just finished the first quarter and we are just slightly below income and below budget YTD.
 - x. Restricted donation for the new scoreboard
 - xi. \$60,000 donation has been made by a parishioner.
 - f. Bryan: Advancement
2. Thanksgiving Baskets
- a. Pantry is going great
 - b. Greif counseling
 - c. Going out the Saturday 11/23 before Thanksgiving
 - d. December 21st that school children are making gifts to give to the people that come to the pantry
 - e. Father spoke to Father Seejo about expanding our charitable activities, St Vincent DePaul society and work collaboratively
 - f. Frank talked about Boy Scouts food collection being combined with St. Martha's troop
3. Open Discussion on what's going right or wrong in the Parish
- a. Frank brought up doing the Superbowl Party again this year
 - b. Father mentioned Christmas caroling in December
 - c. Michele mentioned that the volume of the organ may still need to be adjusted because she couldn't hear the cantor. Dr. Karen Schadle the director of worship will be meeting with Katharine
 - d. Father prefers the whole choir to just a cantor
 - e. Today it cycles weekly between 4:30, 9 and 10:30.
 - f. Altar server Anthony may start serving Saturday 4:30 mass
 - g. Suggestion box, I need a key and the parish probably doesn't know about it.

6:30 Review the Parish budget year to date results

6:40 Review of the Arts and Craft Fair results – Ashley
 Both were fantastic/wonderful
 Ashley has left the parish to be a member of St. Edwards
 Yvonne may have a list of vendors from Ashley
 Kathy may consider taking this over?

6:50 Review of the Fall Festival results – Jim Sinnott
 Christmas bazaar in November, or late August/September if we still want it to be fall?
 Use of Square credit card device next year
 Father Casey mentioned that we might start using the QR codes for PayPal, Zelle and Venmo for the candles

6:55 Schedule next meeting (December 5th at 6pm to include a pot luck dinner, Kathy will check on whether the PLC is available)

7:00 Closing prayer-volunteer (use suggested closing prayer or your own choice)

SUGGESTED CLOSING PRAYER

As we close this meeting, Lord, we want to give honor to You. Thank You, God, for the time we had today to discuss issues and make decisions. May You bless each person who took the time to gather here today and let Your hand of protection be on them throughout the rest of the week. Let the work done here tonight come to fruition and let it all be for Your glory. Help us each to do our parts to bring the plans discussed to life. Amen.