

ST. JOHN PAUL II
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
January 9, 2025
Zoom Conference Bridge
1:00 p.m.

- 1:00 Opening Prayer-Fr Casey
Attendance: Father Casey, Kathy Huber, Maria Franks, Frank Hulsman, Lynn Haner and Rob Tichy
- 1:05 Fr. Casey discussion items:
1. Parish Liaison Reports
 - a. Curt: Parish life (including senior adult) and formation
 - i. There was some discussion about older music/Belmont mass and most everyone agreed that we should continue to use even after Advent/Christmas season, so everyone will get used to and participate in singing during mass
 - ii. Welcomed 3 newly confirmed teenagers on December 22nd
 - iii. Father mentioned 2 or 3 children 7/8 years old that want to make their First Communion, but the church requires them to make confirmation too
 - iv. Christ Life program is being started by Curt and he met with some volunteers this week including Maria
 - b. Pattie: Social concerns
 - i. A collaboration has been started with St. Martha, St Edwards and us to cover the entire parish community with St. Vincent DePaul services including rent and utilities assistance. Three people have volunteered to attend a monthly conference and the second collection money will go to this instead of outside our parish community
 - ii. Father Casey mentioned the possibility of creating a homeless shelter and of a parishioner who wants to start a thrift store. A concern was mentioned with competing with an existing thrift store run by Catholic Charities
 - c. Katherine: Divine worship
 - i. EJ asked about Extraordinary Ministers not coming up to the altar
 - d. Alicia: School
 - i. School mass was held on 12/9 and they will be consecrated to Mary and have a procession through the school
 - ii. There are currently 116 children enrolled in the Academy
 - iii. 2 were added and 2 were lost
 - iv. Great turn out for the open house
 - e. Dave: Administration
 - i. A new furnace + HVAC unit for the Academy to include fencing
 - ii. Relocation of dumpster and recycle
 - iii. Electronic doors parts have been ordered from OCI and work will begin in the next couple of months
 - f. Bryan: Advancement
 - i. #igivecatholic campaign was successful for both the Parish and school raising a combined \$45,000 for second most in the archdiocese

- ii. I mentioned that I used UPS's charitable giving website to donate to the Parish and the donation was supposed to be matched dollar for dollar. Father asked me to send a follow-up email to Dave.
2. Open Discussion on what's going right or wrong in the Parish
- a. Frank told us the Superbowl Party will occur again this year on 2/9, Square will be sold in the back of church and on-line (6 have all ready been sold)
 - b. Katherine is working on how to control the volume of the organ via a foot pedal
 - c. This years Craft Fair will be run by Kathy. There was some discussion about when to have it and to not just call it a holiday fair, possibly Christmas in July. Kathy will contact Ashley for all of her contact information.
 - d. Suggestion box, I found the key and we will discuss relevant suggestions that have been submitted
 - i. One suggestion was to paint the cross on top of the church gold
 - ii. EMHC procedures will remain the same, Father sent out a letter explaining his reasoning which was agreed was sound
 - iii. Father is going to try and add an announcement for this weekend explaining again the procedure for EMHC ministers to the home bound

1:55 Schedule next meeting (February 5th at 6pm)

2:00 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.