

## **2/27/23 Parish Council Meeting**

Present: Fr. Robert, Cindy Robinson, Karen O'Rourke, Kate Brockman, Katie Earley, Jake Kerger, Bryan Back, Abby Simon, Teague Ridge, Patrick Parris, Aaron Thompson, Dan Young

Absent: Debbie White, Tony Forns, Laura Ridge

Fr. Robert opened the meeting at 7:00 with a prayer

The Council approved January minutes with minor changes (typos)

Council leadership to discuss bylaws by May to share at May or June meeting

March meeting date moved to 3/19 because Chrism Mass on regular meeting date.

**Pastor's update:** Deacon John retiring in June after 25 years (celebration to follow)

Will be staying on as parishioner

Decision of new deacon up to Bishop

Working on update to guidelines for Safe Environment training for all those working w/ children

**PTO:** Abby Simon reported Taste of Ascension went well, netting approximately \$10,000 (slightly less than last year).

New board members were approved.

Next event is a son event and other upcoming events include a Family Skate Night and End of Year Tailgate.

**Athletics:** Teague Ridge reported that boys volleyball is currently underway and going well.

Two 8th grade basketball teams went to city championship games and had overwhelming support from the Ascension community.

Responding to Safe Environment update, noted that all head coaches must have training. Fr. Robert asserted that assistant coaches or other adults working with children should be working on training.

Shared compliments from Archdiocese leadership.

Seats available at table for CEF Salute to Alumni dinner on 3/5.

**School Board:** Bryan Back reported approval of school tuition increase.

Suggestion from T. Ridge that priests should band together to put pressure on local Catholic high schools, because rising high school tuition costs may dissuade families from choosing Catholic grade schools

Successful Open House with several registrations.

Community growing together positively. Second meeting with 5th grade parents went well.

Worship: Per Karen O'Rourke, no updates for Ordinary Time.

Safety team: Jake Kerger reports exterior door numbers to be repainted soon. The next step will be a MetroSafe inspection.

Shared the possibility of grant monies for 3M film to free up some of the iGiveCatholic dollars for other needs.

Pastoral: Patrick Parris discussed the new software migration.

Two recent staff resignations will be or have been posted. Robert potentially available to stay on until June, but posting immediately as a part-time music minister to fill that role, although it could extend to full time, depending on parish needs & person's skill set.

Next meeting is March 19.

Fr. Robert closed the meeting with prayer requests and prayer.