**Parish Council Meeting Minutes April 17th, 2024**

Attendees: Chris Stock, Don Clemmer, Joe McKenna, Steve Jahrsdoerfer, Mike O’Neil, Cynthia Crosby, Katie Eckrich, Cathy Krouse, Dennis Redding, Keith Heimann, Jared Hoy, Steve Bentz, Deacon Rob Lortie, Fr. Tom Fr. Bobby

1. School enrollment is trending upwards for the 2025 year.

2. Sister Genevieve has been nominated to be on a leadership team for her order of Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart. There is a chance her responsibilities will change at our school or depart completely. We hope to know this result in a few weeks. [4/26 update: she was elected to a position but thinks that for now she will be able to stay at St. Charles and juggle both positions.]

3. There are still 81 Parish Directories that need picked up. We assume some of these actually have been picked up. We will try to contact these families.

4. Pastor Timothy Lake from Union Baptist has been contacted by our Parish in an effort to learn more about his congregation and experiences.

5. Eucharistic Initiative

a. The Wednesday morning study group that took place during Lent was better attended than anticipated. As a result, we may repeat this again in the future.

b. Father Mary Patrick Briscoe’s return to Saint Charles was a success during our 40 hours of devotion. Attendance increased each day as word spread of his homilies and engaging manner.

c. The 2024 forty hours of devotion was found to be so inspirational that many voiced support to make this an annual event. Wasting no time, Father Herb Weber has been locked in to return to our Parish on March 23, 24 and 25th, 2025.

d. The National Congress will take place in Indianapolis July 17-21st. Single day attendance tickets are now being sold.

6. We have a good number who have offered to enter the Parish Council to fill the seats of four departing members. Discernment will take place May 8th.

7. School projects that we hope to complete during the summer: new windows in classrooms, updating of restrooms, replacing some of the older heating and cooling units on the roof and fresh concrete in a number of locations where it is deteriorating.

8. We have received the remaining balance of an inheritance from a generous parishioner. Great care is being taken to ensure good stewardship. There are a number of projects in process and being discussed that will use portions of these dollars.

Initial Disbursements Include

a. $43,000 for a vehicle for newly ordained Bishop Wimal in Sri-Lanka.

b. $200,000 to Saint John’s Church / School in South Bend.

c. $130,000 for HVAC replacements at Queen of Angels.

d. $20,000 for the men’s discernment house in Fort Wayne.

Future Disbursements Being Discussed

a. A lump sum investment into the existing Hession-Canter fund.

b. After much discussion, it has been decided to refurbish and update the Youth House versus tear down and begin anew.

c. New parking lot areas and redesigned office meeting rooms.

d. Charitable endowment with annual grants

11. During the months of June and July Father Bobby will be heading up a Thursday evening gathering to discuss scripture and enjoy burgers.

12. The June 19th Parish Council meeting will take place at 6:00 at the rectory. New council members will be invited as well as the departing members who are cycling off this ministry.

The next Parish Council meeting will be May 8th at 7:00 PM.