**Parish Council Meeting Minutes September 7th, 2022**

Attendees: Steve Bentz, Don Clemmer, Bob Current, Katie Eckrich, Liz Furniss, Linda Gutoskey, Susie Hague, Keith Heimann, Jared Hoy, Stephanie Keefer, Steve Lutz, Joe McKenna, Patty Sosenheimer, Fr. Tom, Fr. Koehl

1. Volunteers serve food at the Fort Wayne **Rescue Mission**. Susie Hague will check on dates that our Parish Council can volunteer.
2. **Church Renovation**. The long-awaited peripheral ceiling lights are now being installed in the church. We are awaiting added lighting in the sanctuary and grinding of terrazzo floors in a few selected spots.
3. **Interfaith exchange**. Fr. Tom will be in touch with Rabbi Meir at our local Jewish temple to see if we can arrange an exchange.
4. **St. Patrick contact**. Fr. Tom will contact St. Patrick’s parish to see if we can arrange for their Hispanic group to present the Passion again on Good Friday. We will also check into the Vietnamese Tet celebration.
5. Steve is researching for us **church directories** with hopes of photography in the winter of 2023.
6. The parish has hired Anna Laisure, a **new youth minister**, to join Stacey Huneck. She is part-time until Christmas and then will be full-time. Our youth and young adult ministry programs are expanding and more help is needed.
7. The parish will host a traveling exhibit of **Eucharistic Miracles**. The display will be in the Gathering Space the weekend of November 5/6.
8. Our parish will host a diocesan **Eucharistic Conference** on January 14 from 9:00-2:30. The bishop will lead the conference with hopes of drawing 1000 people. It will be held in the church with the school building also used for serving boxed lunches.
9. St. Charles will hold **40 Hours Devotion** on Feb. 25-27 of 2024. Bishop Rhoades will speak one night and we will have two other speakers as well.
10. A **Marriage Encounter** retreat weekend will be held at St. Charles on October 22/23. Sign-ups have been good so far.
11. **Cardinal Fest** takes place this weekend. More volunteers are needed. Rain is a worry, though Saturday daytime is now looking reasonably safe.
12. The **St. Vincent de Paul** “Stuff a Truck” was a success. We filled 2 ½ box trucks with items for those in need. Their biggest fundraiser is October 2, with a charity walk for the poor.
13. **Walking with Moms in Need** volunteers have helped several young mothers and are excited about this ministry.
14. The council encouraged the organization of another **Advent morning of reflection**. Fr. Tom will check into this.
15. The council encouraged the organization of an **outdoor parish gathering** on Sept. 30, with a livestream of the Dwenger/Luers football game and food trucks. Fr. Tom will check into this.

Next meeting: October 26