

MEETING: 3/20/2023 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Council: Jim S, Lynne, Louise, Dan-VP, Michael, Barry, Lisa, Bob-President; and minutes by Leslie

Staff: Fr. Mike, Fr. Simon, Ryan

Absent: Debra

Pastor, News, Action Items, Topics: Fr. Mike led the meeting.

The NEXT COUNCIL MEETING is May 8, 2023 at 4:30 PM in the parish office.

The Following news and topics were presented by Fr. Mike

- Fr. Mike has moved the majority of his belongings to his new residence in Phoenix. He finds it's about a 45 minute commute to St. Bernard's. He is making some adjustments to his schedule avoid commuting during peak traffic hours.
- Fr. Mike noted that Fr. Simon is off for a month starting the first weekend after Easter. June 4-18 Fr. Simon will be in Rome with the Padre Pio prayer group. Fr. Chuck cannot fill in during Fr. Simon's absence. Fr. Fred is on sabbatical. Fr. Fred may show up in town a few days in May. Fr. Mike will be here and is hopeful he will have some support.
- There will be no council meeting in April; no council meeting in June. The next meeting is May 8, 2023.
- Parishioners offered a house for Fr. Fred and Fr. Simon to lease. They are proceeding with their plans to move into the house together.
- The Capital Campaign for the Rectory starts up again next weekend (March 25, 26) with Fr. Mike speaking about the rectory after all masses. Barry informed the members that new brochures will be passed out after masses this weekend in conjunction with Fr. Mike's talk after each mass.
- April 22, 2023 is the date for the Crozier Gala Dinner. People will be attending from all different parishes in our diocese. As a gift of appreciation for the parish council's work for the parish, Fr. Mike has bought and reserved a table for 10 at the Crozier Dinner. Council members who wish to attend the gala are asked to let Fr. Mike know if they will be coming.

Building and Fundraising Update:

- There are no more updates at this time regarding the rectory. Michael reported that we have not heard back from the city regarding the finalization questions we need answered.

Director of Family – Ryan

- Ryan will be on campus for one scheduled day a week. He may be here as needed other times during the week.
- Deacon Peter's talk on the Shroud of Turin scheduled for March 19, 2023 was canceled.

- During the past several months there has been an increase in reservation for weddings.
- Ryan is working on setting up the event for married couples on April 14, 2023. He will work on giving the event another name or title in lieu of the initial title, "Date Night." The focus of the event for married couples is on the grace and benefits of the sacrament of marriage.
- Nancy Paulus will do the scheduling.
- The Friars of the Holy Spirit were very pleased with the success of having their dinner event here. They would love to have it here next year.
- Presently 4 children, 5 adults and 2 students from Notre Dame are entering the church at the Easter Vigil.

Director of Business – Bob

- A discussion on the topic of tithing led to suggestions for a teaching on tithing which may be suitable for the younger generation. A discussion on registrations for new parishioners led to a suggestion to insert a registration form in the Clairvaux Community Life magazine sometime after Easter.
- On April 15, 2023 all parishioners are invited to attend an event featuring the work of Fr. Simon's Maria Africa ministry. A complimentary spaghetti and meatball dinner is provided for all who attend. This is an opportunity to learn about this ministry and provide support for Fr. Simon's endeavors.
- June 4, 2023 is a special date for Fr. Mike as this will be the 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of his ordination to the priesthood! Council members would like to set a time for parishioners to celebrate Fr. Mike's anniversary.

Actions, Items and Notes:

- Bob initiated a discussion about the timing and planning of a good-bye event for Fr. Mike. Council members felt this could occur sometime in May.
- Posting Minutes: Deb will forward council minutes to members as well as to be submitted for the web site.

Submitted by: Leslie Arnison (recording secretary)