

Members present: Fr. Paul D, Fr. Paul R, S. Osborne (chairman, maintenance), B. Texter (parish coordinator), T. Woodward (bookkeeper), B. Ernst (finance chair), L. Dyer, B. Auer, A.M. Troy

- A. Call to order by S. Osborne
- B. Opening prayer
- C. Visitors present: B. Cinque,
- D. Acceptance of the September 12, 2022, minutes (Approved)
- E. Next meeting: Monday, November 14, 2022
- F. Pastoral Asst. report: submitted by G. Texter:
 - a. Bereavement Support Group – A reunion is planned for the first B.S.G. on Wednesday 10/12/2022 from 1:30 -3pm. The group will also watch a 10- minute Zoom from the Archdiocese Family Life Office to invite all to join the “Finding Hope for the Holidays” zoom.
 - b. As to date only 1 person has signed up for the next B.S.G. session. Bridget & I will confer about a good way of helping her if no one else signs up.
 - c. Operation Archangel/Safety Committee – Waiting to hear back from the S.C. Sheriff Dept. about a time to meet.
 - d. Ecumenical/Interfaith Outreach- The warming station for the homeless will open the center 11/20/2022. Training session for overnight volunteers are in progress. Anyone looking to volunteer or bring a meal, please speak to Gary T.
- G. Religious Ed. Report: submitted by C. Herschel:
 - a. Thank you to all who participated at the Catechetical Sunday Mass 9/18/2022. The children did a great job. The next children’s mass is scheduled for Saturday 10/22/2022.
 - b. There are 40 children registered this year. Five of those children are also coming in on Saturdays to catch up to their grade level.
 - c. Level 7 students signed their Rite of Enrollment Contracts on Saturday 10/1/2022 at the 5:30 mass.
 - d. The first fire drill was held on 10/4/2022.
 - e. Confirmation meeting with parents will be Tuesday 10/18/2022.
- H. Finance report: T. Woodward:
 - a. We just started the new fiscal year.
 - b. There are no cautionary problems for seen.
 - c. The parish added 5 new families, but the giving is not as much as what we have lost prepandemic.
- I. Maintenance: S. Osborne:
 - a. The well in the church is holding pressure. I am still monitoring it.
 - b. The mediation garden needs some attention (weeding, leaves) It was suggested to possibly get a schedule with the religious ed. parents to help.
 - c. The old carpet was replaced on the Altar. Sam is holding onto the old carpet and will put it down in the foyer once the snow/ice season starts.
- J. Unfinished Business:
 - a. The fire alarms are antiquated. Beth will get quotes on updating the system.
 - b. The basement kitchen renovation is progressing. The range hood, the sink light, microwave shelf and wainscotting all still need to be installed.
 - c. The Parish Council would like to startup the monthly coffee hour after the 9:30 mass. Beth will meet with Christine H. to see if the Rel. Ed. parents are interested in “hosting” each month. Beth & Ann Marie will work on a to do list for the coffee hour. Someone will oversee this new/old program.
- K. New Business:
 - a. Church bell toller- a contractor was called and charges \$500.00 to evaluate the problem. The amount will come off the repair bill. Sam will set up a meeting day.
 - b. Marquee sign- a committee will explore the idea of a new OLA sign at the corner of High St. on our property.
 - c. LED lights- bulbs will be replaced. It is too costly to change the units to LED.
 - d. Picnic benches- will be repaired in the spring.
 - e. Christmas Pageant- yes it will be held this Christmas Eve.
 - f. Rel. Ed. parents- it was suggested to open the church for parents waiting for their children on Tuesday night. this may be an opportunity to build community and/or just a quiet time to meditate.
 - g. Pantry- a food order came in 10/10/2022. Holly is working with Pam Vogt from St. Paul’s on a joint collection of non-perishables. More families are calling for food assistance.
 - h. A religious ed. teacher and student fell on the red stairway on two different occasions. The Fire Dept. suggested painting the steps with grit (sand) in it. It was also suggested putting a skid strip on the edge of each step.
 - i. Arts- a questionnaire will be in the 10/14-10/15 bulletin to get an idea of the many talents in the parish. This is a way of expanding our faith in a new direction.

Closing Remarks: Keep up the good work

Closing Prayer: