Saint Bridget Parish Council Minutes

# Wednesday; August 21, 2024

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| Father Ken Shuping  Rev. Seth Seaman  Bruce Slough, Chairperson  Allie Strollo,  Secretary  Pat Accardo  Julia Williams  Mike Wilder | Frank Devenoge  Tom Giannasi  Kristine Keeney  Mack Rich  John Rogers  Tara Chiudian - absent |

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# Opening

* 6:00PM – Meeting was called to order by Bruce Slough
* Opening prayer, Father Ken
* Goals and structure for the year
  + Introductions from members
  + New chairs/Open Positions
    - Chair-Bruce Slough
    - Secretary-Allie Strollo (Frank will back up Allie)
  + Liaisons
    - Liturgy-Mack Rich
    - Christian Formation-Kristine Keeney
    - Social Ministry-Julia Williams
    - Community Life and Evangelization-John Rogers (Frank De Venoge-support)

# Approval of Minutes

* 6:37 PM Meeting minutes from April 2024 meeting were approved by the council

# Liaison Reports

* **Liturgy – Mack Rich**
  + kick off dates for the fall
  + Family Focus Adoration took place in July. Plan to keep offering quarterly. Next one is in October.
  + Retraining of students on the chalice for those having received first Communion without the chalice since COVID
  + Stripping of the altar during Good Friday will not be publicly visible going forward as per the regulations of the Catholic Church
* **Faith Formation – Mack Rich**
  + Religious Education
  + Youth Group
* **Community Life -** 
  + Sunday, Aug. 25 begins mass at U of R
  + Casino Night-September 7
  + Sept 15-Parish 75th Anniversary Picnic-Following 11:00 mass (goal is to fund it based on profits from Casino Night so the evening can be a free event for families). A few things will be available for kids in MPH and some carnival games.
  + Saints and Sinners gathering
  + Possible 75th Anniversary theme for Stew and Brew
  + T-shirts for the anniversary
  + Nov 3-All Souls special requiem presentation
  + Feb 1 Feast of Saint Bridget-Saturday evening mass. Tentatively Bishop Knestout will attend; dinner afterwards
* **Evangelization - Rev Seth**
  + Small group of leaders chosen to be a part; goal is to form leaders to be able to evangelize via small group

# Old Business

* Fr Ken attended the Eucharistic Revival in Indianapolis, IN (Fr Ken). Approx. 60K people in attendance. Fr Ken sees a potential for growth in attendance in the future.
* Disciple Maker Index
  + Live weekend of Sept 18 (picnic). All are encouraged to complete and ask others to complete.
* Fr Ken shared Sacramental Statistics for the 2023 and 2024 Fiscal Year. Overall, similar to previous year’s numbers

# New Business

* It was noticed there was large decrease in nominations to serve on Parish Council
* School Updates
  + Enrollment 523 Students; Approximately 90 staff
  + Capital Campaign: Raised a little over $775K of our 1 Million Dollar Goal
    - Starting Soon: security film on windows at school, updated video security, redoing a few access doors for security purposes
    - Completed: upgraded technology server, intercom system
    - Next Summer: Bathroom renovations; larger bus
  + Daily mass with parishioners on Wednesdays and Thursdays begins after the Labor Day holiday
  + We have started “Guardian Angels” to attend mass. These are unarmed volunteers to help keep watch of suspicious behavior while students attend mass.
* Suggestion Box
  + Julia and Allie will check it a week before meetings
* Incense in mass
  + Right now they are only used for special masses
  + Fr Ken is open to offering the 7:30 mass as an incense free mass
  + Mac and Fr Ken will bring it up at next liturgy meeting
* Nursery
  + Is it possible to open the nursery again for the 9:00 mass with staff volunteers? Kristine Keeney will look into how it’s used and how we can possibly use it more.

# Adjournment

* Next meeting date-Sept 18
* Meeting adjourned 7:15 PM