

Parish Council Meeting
Clifton Center
Thursday, May 24, 2022-6pm

Present: Fr. Lou Meiman, Ed Farmer, Mary Masick, Jane Wehner, Therese Bawa, Shannon Burns, Bill Johnston, Sharon Coonan, Steve King, Suzann McGarvey

Absent: Mary Schoenbachler Greg Brotzge, Mary Keyer, Dutch Boehnlein, Sharon Bidwell

Opening prayer-Fr. Lou Meiman

Steve King gave a report on the new electronic newsletter format, Constant Contact. The program allows access to data information, such as click percentages and the areas parishioners are clicking for more information. The first week of data showed that the open rate was 60% (see attached report for details). Ed suggested that the data be reported to the parish so that they are aware of those who are reading the newsletter. Suzann will add a blurb about the new format of the electronic newsletter. Steve gave a stewardship update reporting that 40% of the parishioners returned their 2022 Stewardship Forms. Suzann will be working on letters that will go out to all those who signed up for ministries. St. Leonard Homecoming - Steve reported that in years past, SFR would chair a gift card booth at the SL picnic, which will take place on September 10th this year. The council agreed to co-chairing the booth with SL. 50% of the proceeds will go to each parish to donate to a charitable cause of their choice. Steve reported that there was a good turnout for the pictures for the new pictorial. Some parishioners have submitted photos because they couldn't be there.

Ed Farmer reported that the process for the Synod has gone well. Fr. Lou reported that Sharon Bidwell should have a report out next week on the Formation Listening Session. Fr. Lou feels like more people would have attended if they had realized that the Faith Formation session was different from the general listening session in March. Fr. Reported that Sharon Bidwell has been exploring UCHM, Catholic Charities, and Kentucky Refuges as resources that SFR may be able to serve in the community. Caring Friends and Leonard Ladies are already working on caring for those in need.

Sharon Coonan reported that there seems to be a desire for Parish Life activities. She has been trying to find a way that the parish can improve and grow parish life engagement. She suggested that Parish Life be more about discipleship. How are we serving others beyond worship? How do we envision ourselves as a community? What are we wanting to accomplish? How do we establish an identity? Sharon reported that there are a lot of parishioners taking care of loved ones. How do we minister to those parishioners? On another note, Worship needs revamping. It is being talked about with both parishes. She reported that the original listening session was intended to be a broad stroke for the parishes to report back to the Archdiocese and Vatican. The next step of the Synod is to have listening sessions that focus our concern on our parish. Shannon Burns suggested that we need to get to know each other to draw people in. Shannon suggests having parishioners personally invite others to the future listening sessions. Feels like the social piece may have to come first in order to draw in those who will serve. Sharon would like for those involved with future listening sessions to be well prepared. Sharon suggested that the parish synod be established starting with the parish council, as part of the monthly meetings. Jane Wehner suggested that the youth and young adult segment of the parish should be a part of the process for the future church. Fr. Lou reported that the staff would like for the parish council to have a "Synod" reflection day early in the Fall to explore . The suggested date would be sometime in August or September on a Saturday morning. This will give Sharon and Fr. Lou time to plan.

Fr Lou reported that the 2022/2023 budget will need to be passed at the June meeting. Fr. Lou will be out of town, however he will be able to approve of the budget before he leaves and the PC should be able to approve without meeting, unless there are issues.

Sharon reported on upcoming Masses that will need to be canceled due to presbyteral assembly and Fr. Lou's upcoming vacation. [*Addendum - Masses have now been filled with presiders and are now happening!*]

Fr. Lou reminded the parish council that Archbishop Shelton will be saying a mass for the regional parishes this Thursday at Holy Spirit at 7PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20PM. The next parish council meeting was tentatively set for June 22, 2022.