Parish Council Meeting Minutes 12/13/2022

Attendees: Steve King, Mary Masick, Sr. Agnes Coveney, Ward Robinson, Jane Wehner, Bill Johnston, Greg Brotzge, Laura Harpring, Mary Keyer, Therese Bawa

Steve reported that there will be get well greeting cards in the back of church for parishioners to sign for Fr. Lou.

Parish Council members introduced themselves, including the new council members. Steve reported on the expectations for Parish Council members. A draft of the Archdiocesan Parish Council guideline document was passed out. Mary Masick reported that the guidelines can be tweaked for each parish but feels like it is a good start. Steve asked that all members read over the guideline draft before the next meeting.

Steve reported that a schedule for parish council meetings needs to be set for the year. The council agreed to the 2nd Tuesday of each month. If the meeting must be moved, the council will meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Steve will send out documents for meetings at least a week beforehand so that the council has time to look over them.

Steve reported that Fr. Lou would like the parish council to be synodal. Therese reported that, as part of the worship synodal listening session, she would like the younger parishioners and family to be more involved with worship.

Steve reported that he received good feedback from the council on the Project Management Tool. He is working on adding links to the document to make it easier to read. He, Sharon C. and Sharon B. are still working on the document, and he hopes to have a draft ready for the next meeting.

Steve reported that Sharon Coonan and the worship committee met to discuss where the questions that will be used for the Worship Committee listening session. Steve would like the council to decide on 3 questions they feel would be best for the session. He would like feedback by December 23rd. He will then share the questions with the worship committee. The committee is hoping to schedule the session for the 1st or 2nd week after Easter (April 17-30). Steve reported that in order for the listening session to be successful, the council will need to be involved. The goal would be listening sessions either before or after the Saturday evening mass and in between the Sunday masses. The floor was opened for questions about the listening session and synodal goals.

Closing Prayer and selection of the next meeting date was chosen for January 10th.