

St. Jude Parish Council – August Meeting Minutes 8/9/2022

7 p.m. Council members met in St. Jude Church for eucharistic adoration before the meeting.

Council meeting met after eucharistic adoration in the social hall starting at 7:17 p.m. Brian Veo called the meeting to order.

Attendees: Father Joseph, Deacon John, Deacon Dave, Brian Veo, Karin Tierney, Bernice Freeman, Ellen Stevens, Karen Talloni, Lauren Mary Gotimer, Walter Burke, Paul Seperack, and Jana Veo

- Reassignments of Ministry reporters was discussed. Bernice reviewed all the listed ministries and removed or combined the ones that are active. Discussion took place about putting a listing together with the updates of who leads each ministry and who on the Council will report any updates to each ministry.
- A few updates were given about some ministries. Columbiettes meet monthly, eucharistic ministers class coming in September, Mom's group still going on—note Chili Cookoff coming in September, "Welcome" ministry to start up again—Karin will assist, Emmaus is on hold for now. In addition, Father noted some of the youth and family ministry happenings—Vacation Bible Camp was a success with 45 attendees, Bingo night had 30 attendees, Softball was a success with 2 more planned—9/25 with St. Stephen's and 10/9 with the Knights of Columbus, family movie night coming August 12, and Kid's Club for grades K-5 in the fall.
- Ministry recruitment was discussed as well. Ministry weekends for September reviewed. Weekend of September 10/11 Council members will help with hospitality to help welcome parishioners—long timers, middle timers, and newcomers alike. Saturday on the plaza, if good weather, and Sunday in the social hall. Discussion that in the weekly St. Jude newsletter a different ministry will be noted/posted.
- Music director update: Father Joseph noted that there will be more individuals playing/trying out for the position in August. Any feedback let Father know. A decision will be made by the end of August.
- 50th Anniversary of St Jude Church community. We are looking for volunteers to form a committee. Please email Father with name of interested individuals. Karen, Karin, Brian, and Jana signed on. Lauren mentioned the Town of Monroe also having a 200-year celebration May 23, 2023, and we would see how our parish community could tie into the town's celebration.
- Parish Festival Update: Paul gave an update to our August 24-27 Festival – sign-up board has been up for at least a month now and volunteers are noted, more are needed. Karin will add the St. Jude prayer sign up. Town is working on issuing permits as needed, working to get EMS, volunteers will be fed, food trucks will be onsite, a booth for purchasing porchetta will be run outside the social hall and sponsored by the church, credit card option will be available, good response from sponsors, and ride bracelets will be \$30 this year.
- Feedback on the picnic, vacation bible camp, etc.: Picnic was well received, great time, fun, games enjoyed by all. Vacation bible camp was a success as noted above. Lauren asked about surveys going out after our functions. A brief discussion that we do put out surveys and would again.
- America needs Fatima: Karin noted that council member Luca Cardozo (not able to attend tonight) wants to promote October 15 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. a national program on the church grounds. This program is prayer based. Additional details to be posted in the newsletter. Looking to ask St. Stephen's and Blessed Sacrament to join us.
- Ignatian Parish Pilgrimage: Deacon Dave reviewed the program presented by Father John from The Center for Ignatian Spirituality of Fairfield University. Prior to COVID this was started in our church. The proposed pilgrimage would be done at our church starting with four lectures during lent (2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18 – 10 a.m. to 12 noon) then move to faith-sharing groups (after Easter in April/May,) and a week of directed prayer (June 6-13.) Council members approved moving forward with this pilgrimage program.
- Additional business discussed: Karin reviewed Adopt a Seminarian – which would entail praying for a seminarian for 15 minutes per day. Also, discussed is planning a parish Seder some time next year.
- Closing prayer by Deacon John.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.
- Notes submitted by Jana M. Veo