

## St. Jude Parish Council – November Meeting Minutes 11/1/2022

7 p.m. Council members attended the All-Saints Day Holy Day of Obligation before the meeting.

Council meeting was held in the social hall starting at 7:45 p.m. Brian Veo called the meeting to order.

Attendees: Father Joseph, Brian Veo, Karin Tierney, Bernice Freeman, Karen Talloni, Lauren Mary Gotimer, Angela Baril, Luca Cardozo, Terri Hurley, Paul Seperack, Jessica Iannotta, and Jana Veo

- ❖ Bernice confirmed all attending council members' years of service to report to the Diocese.
- ❖ 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Jude Parish community update given by Karen Tierney.
  - 2023 –
  - Jan 1 - Holiday Rectory Open House 12:30-3:00 to begin our year-long activities
  - Jan 15 - Chili Cook-off (15-20 participants) and Football Tailgating Foods Registration by Signup Genius
  - February - Date TBD - Senior Group makes Easter bags for Blessed Sacrament
  - March - Date TBD - Parish Mission, Parish Seder
  - April - Date TBD - Clean up Parish grounds, etc.
  - May 25 - Fr. Joseph's 10th Priesthood Ordination Anniversary - Mass 9:00, Social in Hall
  - May 28 - Outdoor Mass and Procession "Birthday of the Church" Party for Pentecost
  - June 4 - St. Jude/St. Stephen Picnic
  - June 11 - Feast of Corpus Christi with Procession
  - July - Date TBD - Youth Group Fundraiser
  - August 23-26 - Parish Festival
  - Sept 17 - 1:00-4:00 "Sunday - Funday - Sundaes" (outdoor games for kids, indoor games for all)
  - Oct 28 - Mass in honor of all St. Jude Parishioners, Closing of St. Jude Novena, Reception Oct 28 Dinner Dance at Whitney Farms in Monroe (Plated \$50)
  - Nov 18 - Mass of Thanksgiving for all St. Jude Former Pastors, Priests, & Deacons, Reception - all are welcome and encouraged to attend
  - Dec 3 - 50th Anniversary Mass with the Bishop/Reception following
  - Karin noted that she will collect pictures from parishioners as well to use for our celebrations.
- ❖ Christmas Schedule/Plans – Masses Christmas Eve 4 p.m., 5:30 p.m., and 10 p.m. and Christmas 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. Overflow seating in the social hall/live-streamed on our screen. Parish Council will decorate the rectory at the next meeting on December 5.
- ❖ Jessica – Kids club is going well and next program Nov 6, November religious education service project letters to Vets and Mom's group letters to new moms, St. Margaret Shrine Parish Pilgrimage Nov 26 noted in newsletter, Advent books for the parish children and adults forthcoming, Advent wreath lighting by families sign-up in newsletter, caroling with St. Stephen Parish Dec 13 and Dec 18 details noted in Parish Newsletter, plans for a religious education Giving Manger, Dec 9 Mom's holiday gathering open to all moms noted in newsletter, service project for religious education – Christmas cards to elderly parishioners or coat drive to needy.
- ❖ Ministry Updates
  - Angela – Healing Shawls – Healing Shawls ministry gave away 6 shawls during the St. Jude Novena.
  - Angela – Floral – Mums for the St. Jude Novena were donated by Scott Mason, 2 additional tall easels purchased to use in vestibule. To be kept in the left-side closet of crying room, 5 new people joined the ministry, plans are in place to setup for Christ the King, Advent, and Christmas. Majority of Christmas floral setup will take place Dec 10, manger and poinsettias will be later in Dec.

- Karin – Pro-Life – Oct 30 closed out the month of Oct Pro-Life ministers to witness to the sanctity of life in front of Planned Parenthood of Bridgeport from 2 – 4 p.m. and 40 Days Nov 6 closing vigil – 2 p.m.
- Karen – Rosary Makers – 3 new people joined.
- It was also noted – Senior Group – 20 participants from St. Jude and St. Stephens have met. Food Pantry in need of items by Nov 18 for the annual Thanksgiving distribution. Info in Parish Newsletter.
- ❖ New Business/Other – Bernice asked about a monthly Parish Council members/info/item in newsletter. To be further discussed.
- ❖ Closing prayer by Father Joseph.
- ❖ Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.
- ❖ Notes submitted by Jana M. Veo