

## St. Jude Parish Council – September Meeting Minutes 9/6/2022

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 7:19 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, Angela Baril, Rian Gaughan, Luca Cardozo, and Jana Veo

- ❖ Discussion of Ministries and assignments of Parish Council members to report updates to the Council. Any updates and any discussions were also noted.
  - Ellen – Eucharistic servers , Food Pantry, Linens, Feed my people – Linens – There is one person currently on the Linens ministry and looking for members. This weekend we hope to have members join at our Ministry Weekend.
  - Brian – Ushers, Hospitality, Family – We look to have ushers pass offertory baskets by the end of September. Jessica has been communicating with Brian and he will report on Family.
  - Angela – Healing Shawls, Flowers – Healing Shawls ministry are starting their 15<sup>th</sup> year on Thursday, September 8, to date 800 shawls have been made, recently had 10 Shawls made for Adams House, discussion about donations monetary and supplies took place and possibly a fundraiser for the future.
  - Father Joseph – Adult Ministry and Youth Ministry – utilizing newsletter, monthly calendar, posting to website all happenings, letter to parishioners sent out about the St. Jude and St. Stephen Opportunities to Grow in Discipleship 2022-2023, and copies of this bulletin were available in the church this past weekend.
  - Karin – Pro Life, Nurses – await info on Nurses from the Dioceses
  - Deacon John – Readers, Columbiettes
  - Deacon Dave – Vocations
  - Karen – Rosary Makers – This ministry celebrated its 1 year and to date have made 177 rosaries. Also, a possible fundraiser – along with the Healing Shawl ministry – potential to have the Chili Cookoff that Jessica has mentioned to the group prior as a fundraiser in January/February around the Super Bowl.
- ❖ Ministry Weekend – September 10/11 Council members will help with hospitality to help welcome parishioners to join our ministries. Council members and ministry leaders will be in the social hall after each weekend mass.
- ❖ Music director – has been chosen Louis Vollono.
- ❖ 50<sup>th</sup> 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 and Father has four more individuals interested.
- ❖ Parish Festival Update – Paul was not available to give his feedback/details, but Father noted that it was very successful as the most ride wrist bands were sold this year over prior years, and the parish did well with the raffle as well as selling Jennie’s Porchetta sandwiches. Others heard that people liked the festival and enjoyed it. Some suggestions from parishioners and others that Council members heard: Different food, Italian Fest should have Italian food or change the name of the festival—do not use “Italian” Festival, try better/high-end food trucks, additional food from the parish kitchen such as meatball sandwiches as well as onions/peppers for the Porchetta, need more volunteers, help the volunteers that sign up be reminded to show up by using Signup Genius, use both Signup Genius as well as paper sign-up board, and add volunteer info to Signup Genius.
- ❖ New Business other items –
  - Bernice noted that she receives calls for what she would call “social help” requests from parishioners. Deacon John noted that when our Eucharistic ministers make home visits, they could also bring the church calendar/bulletin, and say some prayers with the person/people. Father Joseph also suggested using Steves Ministry, Bernice will contact Kim C. at the Town of Monroe Social Services as we could provide parishioners with a listing of government social services departments.
  - Ellen noted that she is working with Father to put together a social/spiritual group for seniors.
  - Father asked how he can get better participation from parishioners to be part of our community/volunteer as he was surprised how many parishioners do not participate even when sent an email. Suggestions included Father making requests in-person or via telephone calls or having a member of the parish already participating in that event or ministry talk with a potential volunteer.

- Deacon Dave noted that RCIA will be starting again on October 9, so please let him know if anyone we know is interested. He has 4 candidates.

- ❖ Closing prayer by Deacon Dave.
- ❖ Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.
- ❖ Notes submitted by Jana M. Veo