

St. George Parish Council Meeting Minutes
St. George CLC
November 15, 2022 7:00pm

Chris Schomaker called the meeting to order at 7:09pm.

Silent roll was taken and the following members were present: Chris Schomaker (Chairperson), Deacon John Mote, Joyce Schomaker, Judy Winkeler, Janice Wiegmann, Dana Woods, Kassie Hund, John Schomaker (guest).

Deacon Mote opened the meeting with prayer.

Previous meeting minutes were reviewed. Janice motioned to approve minutes from the 9.13.2022 meeting as presented and Judy second.

Commission Reports

Finance/Building & Grounds: Report was given by John Schomaker – PSR coordinators were at last meeting discussing adding technology to PSR rooms (TV, etc.); Financially doing okay-about \$172K but picnic money is still in account and lots of expenses coming up; Working with office girls on security cameras around the building; Still working on the leak in the church tower; still looking into programmable thermostats for church and maybe CLC; Work being done in the kitchen-fryer being cleaned, grease being removed from the floor and refrigerator issue; Discussed budgeting with St. Mary's for Life Teen; Looking into repositioning some current money into different accounts to earn more interest; Discussed if Msgr. Darin's belongings being in the garage and house an insurance issue = no issue per Fr. Beatty and Msgr. Darin getting is personal affects out at this time is not a priority; Looking into how Fr. Beatty and Fr. Neff are compensated when celebrating Mass at various churches between Albers, Aviston, Trenton, New Baden. Chris said Tom Wolfslau mentioned the north door of the sacristy can only be opened from inside with a key and if we could make this like the other door – John said this too is in the works. Tom also asked if the light over the concrete parking lot could be fixed (timer issue?) – John will give that issue to Larry.

Christian Formation & Education: Report given by Chris via email from Colleen Kunz - Enrollment is up to 174; started a monthly reward of donuts for class with highest attendance; All classes colored wooden spools that were then made into tiny drums for the Tree Room at Our Lady of the Snow Shrine; Planning a very simple Christmas program for after Mass on December 18 but not publicized yet; First Reconciliation is 11/16/2022 at St. George at 6:00pm – First Communion is 4/22/2023 at St. George at 4:00pm. Chris asked if the non-hosting parish (St. Mary's this year) could be opened for families from that parish to take pictures in their home parish. Deacon Mote said he would be happy to open St. Mary's the evening of 4/22/2023 turkey bingo is that night at St. Mary's, just to keep in mind).

Evangelization & Hospitality Outreach: No report at this time.

Family Life and Social Activities: Report given by Judy Winkeler – In process of working on census. Will have papers in pews the weekend after Thanksgiving for those who want to fill out paper. Ongoing work with website.

Christian Services/Social Justice: Report given by Janice - Sister Parish: Padre Mynor's visit in October went well. Just Faith Program "*Faith & Poverty: A Solidarity Response*" ended 10.26.22. "*Faith and Poverty: A Justice Response*" will be held virtually on nine consecutive Wednesdays from 10-noon starting 1.18.23; "*Faith and Poverty: A Global Response*" will be held in person every other Thursday from 7-9pm starting 1.5.23-5.4.23 in the library at Mater Dei; *Journey to Justice Retreat: Catholic Reflection on Our Call to Address Racial Inequity* was held 11.5.22 at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, 61 people attended. Catholic Relief Services: Requesting parishes set up an Advent Giving tree with gift tags for donations to alleviate the suffering and hunger for 1.4million children in East Africa. The tags indicate what each monetary donation provides. Mater Dei (from Jill Tasker): Grandparents Mass was held on November 1 with over

400 grandparents attending. The grandparents enjoyed visiting the classrooms after mass; Open House was held Sunday, November 6; Bishop McGovern met with juniors and seniors in small groups on Wednesday November 9; A Knight Club Social, which includes a social hour and chicken dinner, will be held on November 20 at Breese KC Hall; Bishop McGovern will celebrate Thanksgiving Mass on November 23. Students will be dismissed at 11:30 this day; The Class of 2023 has 20 Illinois State Scholars of senior class; 2023 Calendars are currently on.
Respect Life: No report. Food Pantry: No report. Knights of Columbus: No report.

Youth Ministry/Social Media Outreach: Report given by Kassie – Doing something new, ‘snack chat’ with boys and girls, then separating with boys playing basketball and girls talking; finished the series on the Mass last month and it was well received; Fr. Nick Fleming and Fr. Thomas Lugge were here for confession and it went well; every meeting someone new comes; past Sunday had a Q&A night, Fr. Steve came and seminarian from St. Louis came for the kids to ask questions; Starting an Advent series and will do weekly for four weeks; Will have a Christmas party 12/11/22; Doing cookies and today was the last day to order and pick up will be December 10 & 11.

Communication: Report given by Chris – no update.

Liturgy & Worship: No report given.

Pastor's Report

No report given.

Old Business

See notes under Family Life and Social Activities regarding Census. Parish Council elections will be in January. We need to replace Vivian and Patrick. Kassie and Marcie's terms have expired. We also would like to reinstate/elect two youth members. Chris will talk to the office about putting ballots in church to look for interested candidates for Parish Council (January election and a March start). Planning to put ballots in pews 1.8.2023 and 1.15.2023 and will discuss candidates at the 1.17.2023 meeting

New Business

Next meeting for St. George Council-January 17, 2023 at the CLC.

The group ended in prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm

Recording secretary: Dana Woods