**Annunciation Catholic Church**

**Pastoral Council**

**Minutes January 25, 2023**

Present: Cherie Labat, Greg Jones, Mike Hainsey, Chad Thomas, Pete Tortorici, Susan Friloux, Susan Allgood, Alicia Barclay, Kevin Presswood, Lisa Kerby, and Fr. Jeffrey Waldrep. Unable to attend: Maria Padron, Jackie Borden, Giles McGillick.

Fr. Jeffrey led the opening prayer.

The minutes from November 9, 2022, were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Chad Thomas and a second from Greg Jones. The minutes were approved.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Council looked at “The Historical Operating Income and Expense Summary

Analysis” and compared year to date Dec. of 2021 vs year to date of Dec. of 2022. The takeaway is there is a 0.7% increase in revenue, from the period of July 2021 - December 2021. There was a 3.0% increase in expenses, from the period of July 2021 - December 2021. This increase was due to renovation/improvements in the parking lot, rectory, and activities center kitchen (vent hood).

The Council also viewed a “History/Offertory Analysis” for each month from July 2022 - December 2022. This is looking at just offertory collections.

MONTH CURRENT YEAR PREVIOUS YEAR DIFFERENCE

(July – Dec. 2022) (July – Dec. 2021)

July $39,178.02 $43,007.00 ($ 3,828.98)

August $66,582.64 $51,112.00 $15,470.64

September $37,419.00 $49,096.00 ($11,677.00)

October $44,927.00 $50,762.89 ($ 5,835.89)

November $48,498.00 $48,250.00 248.00

December $73,126.00 $87,323.00 ($14,197.00)

YTD $309,730.66 $329,550.89 ($19,820.23)

-6.01%

Take away – YTD (July - Dec. 2022) that regular offertory alone is -6.01%. However, because of several donations for other causes, regular revenue for same time period is up. The YTD result is that overall income is up a little over 1% over this time last year.

The Diocese has our Parish savings and any potential loans on a variable rate. They had decided to raise the savings interest rate from .5% to 2%. Any interest on loans will move from 3.5% to 4.25%. This will be retroactive to January 1, 2023.

Continuing the Mission 1.75 Capital Campaign – The Council reviewed the pledge details to date. Fr. Jeffrey shared that the campaign was off to a slower start than he hoped. To date, there has been $220,000 pledged for the campaign. He and the Capital Campaign Committee attributed slow participation to “giver fatigue”, the uncertain economy, complacency because of the previous COVID lockdown, and general cynicism from the previous COVID lockdown. Fr. Jeffrey shared some creative ideas that the Capital Campaign Committee came up with to encourage giving. Some examples were wine tasting, hunting trips, golf trip, bourbon tasting, beer tasting, and small receptions at homes. There are also plans to bring back the hamburger supper in conjunction with a Mass to bring the school and church together to encourage parishioners to contribute to the campaign and feel more a part of the school family.

**OLD BUSINESS**

* The lighting system in the back parking lot is progressing nicely and should be completed within the next few weeks. There was a $25,000 donation made to defray the costs of the new lighting system.
* The Columbarium’s final plans are being made. The Columbarium Committee is putting pressure on the architect to finish by February 2023. We are talking with Weather’s Construction about installation.
* The “Community Involvement Committee,” led by Cherie Labat and Lisa Kerby, will be meeting soon to look at opportunities in the community that our Parish can have a greater presence at. For example, the Pregnancy Life Center is hosting its open house on Thursday, January 26th and we were encouraged to support this event.
* Susan Allgood reported that she has about 30 people on her committee for Wedding Showers. She hopes to get 50 people total.
* Susan Allgood also reported that Children’s Church is going well and off to a good start. The children are very happy that Children’s Church has returned. She has a set of people who have volunteered to teach. She is looking for one more person for 8:00 mass to teach. All teachers must go through Protection of Children Training to participate.
* Fr. Jeffrey is meeting with an electrician to get a quote to change the lighting in the body of the church to LED. At this time about one-half of the lights are out in the church.
* The kitchen in the activities center has passed inspection with the installation of the new vent hood. A few other safety updates were made in the kitchen as well.
* Fr. Jeffrey will be contacting a person from Homeland Security to proceed with having an assessment done of our church for safety needs and what grants may be available for this.

**NEW BUSINESS**

* There will be a fundraiser for the Historic Margaret Munroe Crypt Restoration. The event will be held at the church on March 21st at 1:30 p.m. Margot Shaw, Founder/Editor-in-Chief of Flower Magazine will be the speaker. Her book, *Living Floral*, will be available for purchase and a donation of $25.00 will be encouraged to participate. Margot Shaw is a very sought-after speaker. This will be a great community involvement event for the church to host.
* There will be a one act monologue on the character of Hagar, from the Old Testament, hosted in the church also on March 21st at 6:30 pm. A pot-luck supper will be available for all starting at 5:30 pm in the activity center. Karen Overstreet is in charge of this event. This will be a wonderful event during the Lenten Season for the church to participate in.
* Fr. Jeffrey went over the social media options we have as a parish.

They are: formed.org; Realtrue.org; Realtrue.osvpodcasts.com (catechism and various topics); Hallow.com - prayer opportunities; Fr. Mike Schmitz - Bible in a year (podcast); Fr. Mike Schmitz Catechism in a Year; Girlfriends: A podcast for Women with Danielle Bean. Also noted: Living Faith.com has an app for daily devotions.

**OTHER TOPICS**

* The Mission Statement sheet has been laminated and is now in the front of all missals in the church pews.
* Fr. Jeffrey would like to find a source for Children’s Missals to have in the church as well for younger age children.
* Catholic School’s Week will kick off with the pancake breakfast on Sunday, and we went over the events of the week.
* Chad Thomas asked about the long-range planning of the church with the purchase of the additional properties. Fr. Hurley created a plan for the purchase of these properties when he was here. Those plans will be located and reviewed.
* Fr. Jeffrey hopes the church/chapel can be rewashed and painted the same color this spring.
* The Council strongly expressed their dislike of the new Gloria and mass parts that we are now singing. Fr. Jeffrey said he would discuss it with Steve Maykowski.
* Lisa Kerby will reorganize the Newcomer Committee and Alicia Barclay volunteered to serve on this committee.
* Lisa Kerby brought up the casserole ministry. This involves a day of cooking with a group of ladies to have items in the freezer when the need arises (sickness, death, birth of a baby, etc) that we can have readily available and stocked.
* The next Pastoral Council meeting will be on March 22nd at 6:00 p.m. We decided that we will spend a portion of each meeting going over our Mission Statement to make sure we are staying on track with our ongoing projects.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kerby