



St. Sebastian Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

10/27/2022

In attendance:

Excused:

7:00PM - 7:05PM

Welcome

- Opening Prayer (Jim Lundy)

7:05PM - 7:20PM

#weGiveCatholic update - Kathy Holaday Made a presentation on #weGiveCatholic. The St. Sebastian Parish Foundation is supporting this effort. The online day of giving is Tuesday, November 29th. The 2022 project is to replace the aging activity tables and chairs for the Kindergarten and Preschool classes.

7:20PM - 7:45PM

Father's update Priests meeting with the bishop: Generally, if a parish was healthy pre-covid, then the parish is healthy after covid. If a parish was not healthy before then generally not healthy after. Diocese attendance at mass is doing very well. St. Sebastian attendance is down about 10% pre-covid vs. post covid. St. Sebastian has over 1800 families now. For the first time, St. Sebastian has to minister to 7 different generations. The focus will be on families with young children. St. Sebastian has only 12 people in leadership roles in the parish; some are part time. Need to get parishioners more invested. This weekend is priesthood Sunday. Byrider updates are continuing. New windows are in. The roof is almost finished. Parking lot brick replacement will be next year; maybe start in January.

7:45PM - 8:00PM

Old Business – Funeral ministries This is a duplication of duties as the rectory handles this now.

New Business

- Donut Sunday sign up – Jan/Feb for new member recruitment Parish Council will sponsor the February Donut Sunday
- Electricity school parking lot Further verification needed as to when the outlets in the parking lot are energized.
- Dates in November for *Reach More* ministry Q&A Further discussion will be in a separate meeting on Thursday, November 17th at 7:45 pm.
- Stewardship Parish - follow up with Mt. Carmel, IN school. Also, check with parishes that are transitioning to the Stewardship model as that would fit St. Sebastian's path.
- Continuing discussion on how to bring more people into the church. Discussion of overcoming obstacles and possible passive ways to bring people in (videos, kiosk out front, concerts, non-religious events, free library outside). Formation of a subcommittee to further investigate this topic.

8:00PM - 8:25PM

Pulse of the Parish/Commission Reports

8:25PM – 8:30PM

Compline (Jim Lundy)

Next Meeting:

Thursday, December 15, 2022 7PM – 8:30PM Due to scheduling conflict, the next council meeting will be Monday, December 12, 2022 at 6PM.

St. Sebastian Rectory

Prayer and Compline – Dave Gasper