



# St. Sebastian Parish Council

## Meeting Minutes

### 9/22/2022

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**In attendance: Father Valencheck, Will, Ed, Jim, Susan, Ana, Natalie, Jennie, Linda, Sue, Marcy, Dave**

**Excused: None**

7:00PM - 7:05PM

Welcome

- Opening Prayer (Natalie Griffin-Kinney)

7:05PM - 7:20PM

Father's update

The school requests that daily mass be moved to 7:30 am as this will allow students to still serve mass and be able to attend their first class. Contact Parish Council with any opinions or input.

Extraordinary form of mass will continue until at least August 2023. During this time, we will see what the interest is in this particular mass from the parishioners.

Evangelization - discussion on how to reach more people. Possible use of a video. Continue discussion. Susan will reach out to her daughter who participates in this in her parish. Possibly have her daughter speak to the council to give her experiences and feelings.

7:20PM - 7:45PM

Old Business

- Welcome committee status and Donut Sunday update No update regarding the Welcome Committee; Susan will follow up to see if someone will coordinate this. Donut Sunday will be administered by the Knights of Columbus. K of C will have a coordinator. K of C will sponsor some of the Donut Sunday events throughout the year while other organizations/committees can also sponsor remaining events.

- Little Flower group no longer an active ministry  
The name of the group will most likely be taken by a new group in the future.
- Discussion — Ideas from Parish Council  
Members on Soft evangelization Discussion on how to overcome obstacles. Discussion on ideas/ways to reach out to the community: Concerts/baptisms get non-parishioners in the church. Grade school classes ‘take over’ the mass by being lectors, bringing up offertory, etc. Installed art around the campus for the community to view/appreciate. Survey for new parishioners (Cathy Sivec already calls new parishioners). Ways to get kids to come to mass as they will encourage parents to go. More events that aren’t fund raisers.

7:45PM - 8:00PM

#### New Business

- Discussion of the need to continue the Parish Library or not – all If a small group of people still use it, then keep it. Discussion to continue on this topic.
- Share draft plans for new building - Father Valencheck Shared preliminary drawings for future buildings and their possible uses. Priorities include safety of children and efficiency of parish services and operations.

8:00PM - 8:25PM

Pulse of the Parish/Commission Reports Commission reports are in a separate document.

8:25PM – 8:30PM

Compline (Natalie Griffin-Kinney)

Next Meeting:

Thursday, October 27, 2022 7PM – 8:30PM

St. Sebastian Rectory

**Prayer and Compline – Jim Lundy**