

Meeting Opening

2023-2024 Vice President, Steve Dodd called meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Fr. Timmerman led the Council in opening prayer.

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Church of the Holy Spirit is to use our gifts of time, talent, and treasure for the greater honor and glory of God. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and through Jesus in the Eucharist, we strive to develop a strong faith community by worship, education, and evangelization.

Attendance: P-Present E-Excused

P-Fr. Timmerman, P-Sue Stevens

Elected/Appointed

P-Steve Dodd – Strategic Planning
 P-Traci Schuette – Architecture & Design/PCCW
 P-Michelle Vulgamott
 P-Monica Yankus
 P-Miriah Potter
 P-Jim Becklun
 P-Shari Barrios
 P-Mel Scaturro

Committees

P-Teresa Lewandowski – Head Teacher
 E-Donna Weeda– Stewardship
P-Pat Vaughn – Fish Fry/Organizational Comm
P-Mike Bridges – Safety/Security
P-Larry Rolfson – Buildings/Grounds
P-Andi McAlevy - CDA

Approval of Past Minutes: For April. Pat V. made motion to approve, Jim B. second. Carried.

Consent Discussion Items (see committee reports for updates):

- Introduction of new council members.
- Election of officers.
 - Traci S. moved to appoint Steve Dodd as President for the 2024-2025 year. Second by Mike Bridges. Steve D. accepted. All in favor – no nays.
 - Steve D. moved to appoint Mel S. as Vice President. Second by Jim Becklun. Mel S. accepted. All in favor – no nays.
 - Steve D. moved to appoint Traci S. as Secretary. Traci S. respectfully declined. Traci S. moved to appoint Michelle V. as Secretary. Second by Steve D. Michelle accepted. All in favor – no nays.
- Determine committee representatives.
 - New committee members needed for Knights of Columbus and Liturgy. Steve D. to reach out to Steve Riese for a K of C member and to Joe DiSomma for a Liturgy member.
- Discuss process for revising by-laws for CHS Parish Council Committee.
 - This has been approved to investigate by Father Timmerman and Steve D. Traci to share existing documents. The strategic plan will drive the mission statement and by-law changes.

New Business

- **Fr. Timmerman:**
 - Plattsmouth Public Library is requesting a map of Holy Sepulchre cemetery showing locations of the sections and lots as well as last name, first name, middle name, maiden name, age, date of birth, date of death, section, lot, and grave numbers of burial of person buried there. The Diocese approves of sharing this information and the CHS Parish Council also had no concerns. Sue has all the information to share with the library.

- Reached out for possible new parish directory. The meeting is June 5, 2024, at 6:30 in the St. Joseph's room. Traci S., Pat V., and Alicia G. will be part of the committee organizing the effort. Still looking for a couple of more people. Alicia will not be able to attend the meeting.
 - The Open Forums were a success. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus, PCCW and CDA for your support. Thank you to Fr. Hottovy for a great presentation.
 - Reached out to Citizens State Bank to ask them to up the interest rate from 1.8% to 3.25%. If they decline, we will pull the money and put it into the Diocesan Investment and Load (DIL) for 3.25%.
 - Signed a contract with ASI for the new STJB school security system.
 - Received a bid from American Lift and Sign for our new electronic sign. This sign will be two sided and placed at the end of the driveway so drivers on 18th street will be able to read it going in both directions. It is 6' x 4' and 8mm LED. The cost is \$37K – not including footings and stone structure to sit on. Fr. will check on impact to insurance.
 - Thank you to the Fish Fry and Spring Dinner and Auction committees for all their hard work in support of Church of the Holy Spirit and St. John's School.
- **Sue:** Nothing new.

Committee Updates

- **Head Teacher/School Advisory Council (SAC):** Teresa Lewandowski
 - A second bid was received for the security system, and we will likely accept this bid and proceed with installation over the summer.
 - We are receiving regular requests for tours and information. Visitors report feeling positive about daily Mass attendance and reverent services. We have been informed that St. Matthew's in Bellevue is closing its junior high. Efforts are being made to connect with families, and some have already reached out to us.
 - ITBS scores indicated continued academic success. More detailed information will be provided and published soon. In particular, junior high math scores were excellent. Even though they were still very good, an area to improve is in elementary mathematics. We are evaluating alternate math curricula for grades K-5 to possibly be implemented by fall of 2024.
 - Thank you to Dan Rubin for hauling away decades of accumulated items and to Mary Jo Meisinger for coordinating all the clean-up.
 - The school year ended with a feeling of positive energy and a bright outlook for the future of the school.
- **Strategic Planning:** Steve Dodd –
- **Stewardship:** Donna Weeda – No new report.
- **PCCW:** Traci Schuette – Spring Luncheon is Thursday, May 16. Sign-up sheets are in the Commons. PCCW sponsored the High School Senior Reception after 10:30 Mass on May 5.
- **Knights of Columbus:** TBD –
- **CDA:** Monica Yankus – No new report.
- **Finance:** TBD – No new report.
- **Fish Fry:** Pat and Mike V.- See attached report.
- **Spring Dinner:** TBD - We netted approximately \$169K. \$73K of this was for the special project (security at STJB and electronic sign).
- **Architecture & Design:** Traci – No new report.
- **Safety and Security:** Mike Bridges – No new report.
- **Buildings & Grounds:** Larry –
 - Reached out to Verdin to get an estimate on fixing the bells.
 - Gym will be painted on June 7, 2024 (tentative).

- **Liturgy:** TBD – No new report.
- **Organizational Committee:** Pat – No new report.

Closing

- Our **next meeting** will be **Monday, June 24 at 7:00 p.m.** in the St. Joseph's Room.
- Father Timmerman led us in closing prayer.
- **Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.**

Tabled Items:

- **Dan:** Looking at building an endowment. We currently have a "St. Johns" endowment through the Catholic Foundation as well as a second endowment for tuition assistance also through the Catholic Foundation - TABLE
- **Dan:** Campaign to raise money for the church – TABLE.
- **Larry:** Looking for a parishioner to build wood panels at the back of the church for the 3 stained glass windows – We are looking at having Paul Augustine taking care of placing the windows up for us. – TABLE
- **PC:** Bring back ideas to the Parish Council to discuss ways to bring additional dollars to the school. (e.g., bring in additional students, grants, etc.) – TABLE
- **Father T./Larry:** Basement: Larry showed a plan of the modifications needed. - On going
- **Fr. Timmerman** – Confessionals: Fr. reached out to Paul. They are progressing.
- **Fr. Timmerman** – Bereavement Program – We have all the program materials. They are going through a review.