

St. Augustine Church
Parish Council and Finance Council combined Meeting
May 15, 2023
7p.m.

Attendance: Bonnie Robertson, Dave Dyllyn, Maria Boyer, Calvin White, Mickie White, Matt Rawlings, Ed Zubek, Theresa Ortiz, Brian Thaxton, Robin McMarlin, Fr. Ben, Andrea Whinnery, Jeannie Rawlings, Lin Janson

Excused: Dorothy Barr, Bob Duda, Deacon Chris

Opening Prayer: Matt Rawlings

Approval of Minutes: Maria Boyer

Lin motioned, Dave seconded to approve as written. Passed unanimously.

Rainbow Camp – Jessica Neuhart sent a report

We have many families that have applied for scholarships and have financially been able to accept about 3/4 of those applications. We are in need of monetary donations to help cover the cost of those campers in order to continue to offer full scholarships. An appeal letter was drafted to hopefully bring in more donations for our program. There is an Amazon Wish list for needed materials that is available on the parish website. We are still hiring and are mostly in need of counselors (ages 16+), especially those with ASL proficiency.

VBS--desperately in need of volunteers to help run. June 3-7! (Ask Bob for clarification but I believe we are aiming for 10:00-12:00 during that week)
Volunteers must be VIRTUS trained.

Organ Update: Dave Dyllyn

They have the frame up but it is still skeletal – the keyboard is in it now. They ran into some problems last week and had to stop and now they are working again.

Parish Cupboard and Closet Update: Maria Boyer

Highlights by the Numbers:

- We served over 935 families in the month of April. That is an increase of over 150 from last month.
- On April 27th we set a record of 134 families served in one day. That equates to over 2,000 items of food and household supplies in just one day.
- We registered 207 new families in the month of April.
- In the month of May we have served 467 families so far.

Word is getting out to area high schools and youth ministries that we need help and they are responding!

This month we began to partner with St. Edward's High School to provide volunteer opportunities and service hours for their students. We have 5-10 (or sometimes even more) students coming on Saturdays to work in our ministry. They are given an orientation about the Cupboard and Closet, what makes us unique and an overview of the many tasks involved. The students are then rotated through the different tasks so they have some time sorting and stocking ("back of the house" duties) as well as time to interact with our customers in bagging groceries, clothing etc. ("front of the house" tasks). This gives them a chance to see how this work really impacts lives.

In the one year we have been open we have developed partnerships with the following organizations:

St. Francis Xavier-volunteers
St. Eds-volunteers
St. Noels-volunteers
St. Clarence- clothing drive
North Olmsted knights of Columbus - clothing drive
St. Charles-volunteers and food donations
St. Mary's Seminary-Charitable fieldwork site for seminarians
St. Cosmas & Damians-volunteers
Keybank-Community Service Site
Amotec Employment Agency-volunteers and Christmas gifts
Cleveland Police Department Community Relations-details still in the works
Third Order (lay) Franciscans-volunteers
Diaconate Formation Office-Charitable field work site for diaconal aspirants

This summer we will be welcoming the Junior High ministry of St. Ambrose to volunteer their services.

Getting young people involved in service to others can be a win-win for all! If you know of a youth group or school who would like to get involved with our ministry, please tell them to contact Deacon Chris via his diocesan email address found on the parish website.

The Rectory-Fr. Bill

They are working on it – redesigned the bedrooms upstairs from 3 to 2 rooms. The company that gutted the house took away all of Fr. Bill's clothes and all the furniture in the house.

Ministry to the Deaf: Jeannie Rawlings

May 5th the deaf went to Canton and met with other deaf groups

June 3 is a visit to Canton and they will have Mass when they come back here

1st Communion – one deaf girl made her 1st communion

The 60th Anniversary of Mary's Rosary Guild was very successful!

This coming Sunday will be the May crowning

Mickie motioned, Calvin seconded that the heads of the 3 deaf groups be invited to come to the next parish council meeting Passed unanimously

Mary Rosary Guild – Jeannie Rawlings

Buckeye Senior Deaf -Richard Anderson

CCDC – Colleen Cassidy

Executive Committee Report on Hunger Center: Matt Rawlings

Presentation of the proposed MOU

Fr. Bill requested that Matt let CC know the names of the people he talked to.

There was much discussion about the MOU.

Matt will make an appointment with Freddy Robles to go over the MOU.

New Business: none

Old Business: none

Dave motioned to adjourn, Calvin seconded passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Boyer