

**St. Augustine Church  
Parish Council Meeting  
September 18, 2023  
7p.m.**

**Attendance:** Bonnie Robertson, Dave Dilyn, Maria Boyer, Theresa Ortiz, Robin McMarlin, Fr. Ben, Jeannie Rawlings, Bob Duda, Fr. Bill, Calvin White, Bill Shaffer, Jo Ann Whigham, Mary Jo Micili, Jennifer Weisheit, Matt Rawlings, Ed Zubek, Shaemus, Maria Rivera, Jim Schlecht, Michael Mishaga, Paul Sherlock, Katie Slosar, Mickie White

Excused: Dorothy Barr, Deacon Chris, Lin Janson, Brian Thaxton

**Opening Prayer:** Dave Dilyn

**Visitors:** Jim Schlect, Michael Mishaga and Paul Sherlock came to speak to us tonight from **Radical Hospitality Cleveland**.

Their mission is during the winter months to provide overnight hospitality to those folks who are unsheltered – like these other services:

Metanoia Project

Dennison United Church of Christ

St. Paul's Lutheran Metropolitan Church

They need 100-125 beds, have a commitment for 75-80 beds. They have the staff.

They have the funding through Community West Foundation and the County.

They try to build services around this outreach.

November 15- April 15<sup>th</sup>

The most important thing is to bring people out of the cold and building relationships that can move people along.

People can stay for the whole season – they would be invited to do this. There is some turnover but those folks would be encouraged to stay the season.

Michael is the Program Manager –his team works to bring people out of the cold and connect with them.

Paul – he is looking for a space that can accommodate 30-35 people – run from 7 p.m.-8 a.m. There would be 2 staff members on site. They would be looking for others to volunteer with us.

There were many questions and a lot of discussions.

Any other questions: we can call them.

**Approval of Minutes-** Maria Boyer

Jennifer's last name was misspelled – should be Weisheit

Bill's last name was misspelled – should be Shaffer

Minutes were accepted with those corrections.

**PSR Program** – Matt Rawlings

This Sunday is the first Sunday of PSR.

### **Music Director Report – Bill Shaffer**

Bell Choir is slow but steadily gaining in people and knowledge. Hopefully more will be able to join us. Organ has had some difficulty with power problems, but after last week will hopefully be resolved once and for all. We have been talking with the electrician and the organ company – the electrician is coming to morrow to resolve this.

Music for masses now included as a printout instead of using missals.

Future plans include Christmas Concert, children’s choir and a Homeless Choir.

Successful start for the newly formed Liturgy Committee

### **Liturgy Committee Report – Bill Shaffer**

Liturgy Committee Notes September 11th, 2023, 7:00pm

Attendees: Dave Dilyn, Bonnie Robertson, Renee Zorger, Jeannie Rawlings, Terry Hogan, Father Ben Jimenez, Bill Shaffer.

- Bill Shaffer led in a group prayer; he then introduced a packet on what a Liturgy Committee is, it’s role, it’s function, it’s purpose. Group discussions were had on several points, including worship environment before mass, RCIA, PSR and “confusion in the sanctuary.”

- Stemming from the mention of “confusion in the sanctuary, six components of worship were discussed in detail:

- 1) Altar Servers
- 2) Lectors
- 3) Eucharistic Ministers
- 4) Ushers
- 5) Interpreters
- 6) Responders

- It was agreed on by this committee that EACH ministry above should adhere to the following guidelines:

- Each ministry should have a clearly typed list of all people involved in that ministry, including full name and contact information, which in turn should be made readily available to all members of the group.

- Mandatory training or re-training of all involved in each ministry

- An understanding with each person in each ministry that they are making a commitment to the worship environment of the church at large; to treat each ministry with care, and to be present when required to fulfill their ministerial duties, or to call a substitute when necessary.

- Final suggestion for PSR training to include Altar Serving training as part of their learning

- It was agreed that the structure of the bulletins needs to be stream-lined to be compartmentalized into several larger categories, including sacramental information (i.e. wedding, funeral, and baptism protocols, becoming lectors, RCIA, Liturgy Committee announcements, “how to be more involved” announcement, etc.), scheduled events together (such as monthly breakfast, alumni reunion, St. Augustine Buckeye Deaf Seniors, St. Augustine Seniors, Sign Language Class, Ultreya, and Retrouvaille) if at all possible.

- Next scheduled meeting: Monday, October 9th, 2023 at 7:00pm in the Conference

Room.

Respectfully submitted by Bill Shaffer

**Roof/School Building** – Bob Duda

The roof on the school building is complete. There were 4 layers on the roof! There were a few shingles missing from the roof of the church and they will be able to fix the missing shingles there as well.

Bob is trying to get a date for the tuck-pointing and have it done before the end of the year.

**The Rectory**- Ed Zubek

The walls are painted, all cabinets are in. and it should be just 4 weeks until occupancy.

**Parish Cupboard and Closet Update**- Maria Boyer

- We served 1281 families in the month of August. That is an increase of almost 70 from July.
- We registered 286 new families in the month of August.

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We continue to grow and serve more families each month. As a team, we have decided to close on Wednesdays, beginning in October. We will be open an extra hour on Saturdays.

Our last Wednesday open will be September 27<sup>th</sup>.

Beginning Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, our hours will be 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

We are blessed with faithful volunteers but we are in **desperate** need of additional help.

Please consider volunteering **or asking family or friends if they would like to volunteer**. During weekdays we are sorting and hanging clothes if you would like to do some behind the scenes work.

Without volunteers, we would not be able to fulfill the mission of this parish ministry.

We continue to pursue partnerships with the larger community where we can. A few months ago, the Parish staff procured an emergency Narcan dose for storage at the Cupboard. A couple weeks ago, that dose saved a life, thanks to the quick action of Deacon Chris, when a gentleman collapsed on Howard Ave. from a Fentanyl overdose. In pursuit of a replacement, Deacon Chris has established a partnership with Project Dawn of Metro health hospital to provide us with a Narcan Emergency cabinet and a supply of Narcan. They will replenish the cabinet quarterly, free of charge!

We know we are changing lives with this ministry, but saving a life is beyond awesome!

Maria passed around the flyer for our Fundraiser and all seemed to like the flyer.

**St. Noel's Fundraiser** – The monies of the St. Noel's Fundraiser last year went to the Ministry of the Poor. Last year they raised around \$35,000. We would use this year's money for the Ministry of the Poor again.

**Hunger Center** – Matt got an email from Fredy Robles that the MOU is still in the Legal Department. There was much discussion. Fr. Bill said \$183,000 is the amount we have given to the Hunger Center since March 2021.

**Ministry to the Deaf** – Jeannie Rawlings

-Cleveland Catholic Deaf Club had a meeting on Sept. 10 and it went well.

Upcoming event will be Fall Social on Oct. 8.

We are hoping to have another Workshop.

-Mary Rosary Guild for the Deaf will be back after the summer. We will have prayers and a brief meeting on Sept. 24.

Fourth Sunday in Oct. will have Rosary and general meeting.

St. Augustine Signing Choir did a performance at the Tremont Art Festival on Saturday afternoon. The park did not have any electricity so we use the choir speaker and performed. We all did well and had fun.

Now we will start practicing for Christmas. We will keep posted on our performance for Christmas.

**New Business:**

1. Monthly parish breakfasts and any parish event that serves food – these are for parishioners (those who come to church).
2. Increased number of persons experiencing homelessness in front of church. This has been tabled until next meeting.

**Old Business:**

1. November Fundraiser for the Cupboard – already covered in report, parish council agreed it should be in the bulletin.
2. Sale of Organ – still pending
3. NOACA Grant for van- pending – they will know at the end of the year.
4. Letter to Bishop – letter is available to sign

**Radical Hospitality** – Matt will take all comments, questions and thoughts and compile them – email him. There was much discussion anyway.

No Parish Council meeting in October.

November 20<sup>th</sup> next meeting for Parish Council

**Closing Prayer** – Dave Dylun

**Adjournment-8:40 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Maria Boyer