

St. Augustine Church
Parish Council and Finance Council combined Meeting
February 27, 2023
7p.m.

Attendance: Fr. Bill, Bob Duda, Bonnie Robertson, Dave Dylun, Maria Boyer, Jeannie Rawlings, Calvin White, Mickie White, Robin McMarlin, Dorothy Barr, Joe Barr, Matt Rawlings, Lin Janson, Ed Zubek, Fr. Ben, Theresa Ortiz, Joe Lewandowski

Opening Prayer: Mickie White

Approval of Minutes: Maria Boyer

Corrections: Robin is not on the Executive Committee, Joe's name is not Joel and the pipe was on the 3rd floor not in it, Lin's last name is Janson
Dave motioned, Calvin seconded to approve as amended. Passed unanimously.

Financial Update: none at this time

Organ Update: Dave Dylun

Some issues will delay the reinstallation of the organ. We will have to level the floor. We anticipate the organ being reinstalled in July.

The Leek Pipe Organ Company is offering a tour to see the organ on Thursday, March 2nd at 4:30 p.m. in Berea.

The only cost increase is floor leveling.

Music Director Update: Dave Dylun

A Music Director has been chosen. He will start in the summer when the organ is reinstalled.

Parish Cupboard and Closet Update: Maria Boyer

Highlights by the Numbers:

- We served over 600 families in the month of February. That is an increase of almost 100 from last month.
- Our current record is 107 families served in 3 hours – that equates to just over 1,600 items of food
- We had a record number of new shoppers last Saturday – 29!
- We have a cadre of approximately 25 consistent volunteers that show up week after week to serve in a variety of ways, sorting and stocking, assisting our shoppers and keeping the whole ministry going!

In addition, this past Saturday we welcomed a small group from St. Noel parish. Deacon Chris led them in a tour of the Cupboard and Closet before we opened and they were able to stay to see how our customers are able to shop for needed food and clothing items. They were very impressed and would like to begin volunteering once a month starting in March. This is a wonderful way that St. Noel parishioners can share in the ministries in our parish and strengthen our partnership with them.

Mickie let us know about a report on Axios Ohio about the financial impact of SNAP reductions

Stations of the Cross: Dorothy Barr

They are taking longer than expected to complete. We hopefully will have them back by Holy Week. We are currently using the Stations from the old chapel in the school building.

Ministry to the Deaf: Jeannie Rawlings

Fr. Shawn from Boston came for a retreat day last Saturday.

50 people came to that event and it was well received.

Mary's Rosary Guild Spaghetti dinner was held last Sunday- 74 attended that.

The dinner was raising money for the upcoming celebration of the 60th Anniversary of Mary's Rosary Guild.

There will be a catered event in Walsh Hall on April 30th to celebrate!

Hunger Center

We met once as a committee. Matt spoke with Fredy Robles - there will be no action taken as to the things listed in his email. They had a good conversation and the lines of communication are open now. We will meet as a committee next week and keep moving forward to get a working MOU in place.

There was much discussion about this topic.

Pastor's Report:

The Rectory: The interior of the house was pretty well gutted, not even walls were left. It will take about \$250,000 to replace the interior of the house, which the Diocese will pay for. They will not pay for upgrades. Bob Hodges is the contact person at the Diocese. There was much discussion on this topic, especially getting another set of eyes on the estimate.

March 30th - one woman play on the life of Dorothy Day. "Haunted by God" will be in the church at 7:30 p.m.

There has been an ongoing conversation on the relationship of the parish and the CCDC, since the early fall. Fr. Bill discussed many issues with this relationship.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Closing prayer: Calvin White

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Boyer