

**St. Augustine Church**  
**Parish Council and Finance Council combined Meeting**  
**June 19, 2023**  
**7p.m.**

**Attendance:** Bonnie Robertson, Dave Dyllyn, Maria Boyer, Matt Rawlings, Theresa Ortiz, Brian Thaxton, Robin McMarlin, Fr. Ben, Jeannie Rawlings, Lin Janson, Bob Duda, Deacon Chris, Michelle Rivera, Shaemus, Mary Smith, Leo Smith, Fr. Bill, Calvin White, Maria Rivera, Mary Jo Miceli, JoAnn Whigham

Excused: Dorothy Barr

**Opening Prayer: Brian Thaxton**

**Approval of Minutes: Maria Boyer**

Dave Dyllyn's name was misspelled under the Organ Restoration segment. Otherwise approved as amended.

**Ministry of the Deaf**

Members of the Mary's Rosary Guild are in attendance tonight.

**Report on the Hunger Center -**

Matt has been in touch with Freddy Robles and they will be meeting regarding the MOU in the near future.

**Rainbow Camp - Bob Duda**

Rainbow Camp is sold out and full. They have 130 campers. They are seeking additional monetary donations. There is an additional expense of a security guard this year. The Knights of Columbus used to run a Night at the Races for the Camp and there was a Golf Outing in the past for the Camp as well. Now we are relying mostly on donations to fund the Camp.

There will be an Alumni Staff Day - to raise awareness and hopefully some donations.

PSR - Fr. Bill suggested maybe moving PSR to Sunday morning. They will be surveying the parents as it gets closer.

**Organ Update: Dave Dyllyn**

The last phase is now installing the electricity. It should be completed totally by June 30<sup>th</sup>. The organ has a beautiful sound. Bill Schaffer will be meeting with Beamer and the Signing Choir as well

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

**Highlights by the Numbers:**

- We served 1034 families in the month of May. That is an increase of over 100 from last month.

- On June 10th we set a record of 172 families served in one day. That equates to over 2,500 items of food and household supplies in just one day.
- We registered 202 new families in the month of May

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We continue to grow and serve more families each month. We are blessed with faithful volunteers but are always in need of additional help.

This past week has been a busy one at the Cupboard and Closet. On June 12<sup>th</sup> the St. Charles youth group came to volunteer for a morning. They were able to sort and check expiration dates on a large donation of food items. They did a great job and enjoyed their time helping.

On June 13<sup>th</sup> we had a group of KeyBank employees come to work at the Cupboard and Closet as part of KeyBank's Neighbors Make the Difference Day. It was a very productive day as the volunteers were able to complete a number of much needed tasks on our "punch list", including sorting and folding donations of clothing for the Closet, rearranging tables and stock in the Cupboard and making our shared space with Rainbow Camp more manageable for both ministries. A few of the volunteers came last year and remembered painting the walls of the Cupboard, marveling at how we have grown.

A highlight of the day was a surprise visit by the CEO of KeyBank, Chris Gorman, who took time to tour our facilities, meet with the KeyBank employees and take photos with them as well as with Fr. Bill, Bob Duda and Deacon Chris. He was very impressed with the Cupboard and Closet and how many families we serve each month and how we are able to perform our ministry in a manner that respects the human dignity of each of our customers.

There was a question of where our customers come from – we know that 55% of our customers come from three zip codes – 44113, 44102 and 44109.

Bob indicated that the parish has added security for the Cupboard. Matt indicated that the West Side Catholic Center makes appointments for their customers.

### **The Rectory-Bob Duda**

The dry wall is up, but in the front bedroom, there are no vents in the room for the air conditioning. They think that it will be 2 more months before it will be finished.

### **New Business:**

There are some changes in the Parish Office. The front room is now a waiting area. The receptionist is now in Sr. Janet's old office. Bob's office is now upstairs.

Matt would like to propose that the Parish Council meets 8 times a year and then the Finance Council would meet quarterly on the off months of the Parish Council (April, July, October, January). All seemed agreeable.

### **Great Month ideas**

Steak Roast 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday August 5th

Breakfast – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday August 20th

Organ Concert and indoor Picnic – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday -August 27th

### **Old Business:**

Atlas Roofing needed to give the Diocese their financial information but didn't get it in time so now we are going with Dun-rite Roofing They will complete the roof on the school – it will only be a 10 year guarantee on the roof.

Atlas Roofing will do the roof on the garage, because that is needed as well.

A 100,000 grant from the Sisters of the Precious Blood Heritage Foundation is being pursued for the elevator of the school building.

The next step for the school building will be the tuck-pointing of the four sides of the building. Then we will be ready for the elevator.

The members of the Mary's Rosary Guild were given a chance to speak and brought up some points that have changed in the last couple years.

- The new way we are doing the collection – it is distracting during the Liturgy– the decision was made by the Executive Committee and they will look into it.
- The movement of the baptismal font to the back of the church has made it difficult to see – it was suggested to project the baptisms in the front so parishioners could watch

There was much discussion about this. Matt suggested maybe we would have a Liturgical Committee and they could discuss some of these issues. If you are interested in this, please submit your name to Matt

**Final Prayer** – Brian Thaxton

**Adjournment 8:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Maria Boyer