

Unapproved Minutes from November 19, 2024

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH COUNCIL REPORT – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER, 2024

Members Present: Stewart Bober, David Smith, Fr. Brian, Regina Sharpe, Bill Stroup, Brendalynn Barlow

Members Absent: Carol Lawrence, Dcn. Bryan, Kevin Briggs, Lisa Briggs, Amy Ossenheimer

Meeting began at 7:20 with a prayer.

The Parish Council Report from 10/15/2024 was approved with no corrections.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Advent Events: The council discussed the community event that Good Shepherd Youth Group sponsors by hosting the Breakfast with Santa event. It was also discussed the possibility of offering additional Eucharistic Adoration opportunities during Advent. Good Shepherd will offer *The Magnificat Advent Companion* booklet for parishioners. It was also suggested putting a list of parish ministries in the pews so that parishioners can see the ways to become more involved in the Church.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. October Counts: The October Mass Attendance Count was reported to the council. The average number of Mass attendees for the month of October was 163. This is down from the average of 187 from October of 2023.

PARISH ORGANIZATION

1. Knights of Columbus: Deacon Bryan Root (Bill Stroup)
 - a. Bill reported that the Knights discussed the 40 Days for Life Campaign, the Friday Night Fish Fry's, the Breakfast with Santa event, the Coats for Kids donations, and the consideration of keeping or getting rid of the credit card machine.

COMMISSIONS:

1. Finance Council: Stewart Bober
 - a. The most current Sunday & Holy Day Contribution Report was handed out. To date we are approximately \$1600.00 below our budgeted income.
2. Christian Service: Carol Lawrence
 - a. The Giving Tree was set up at the front entrance of the church on November 16, for parishioners to take a tag from the tree and purchase gifts for Montrose families in need. The Religious Education children are invited to participate in buying socks for these families. The gifts and socks are needed back by December 1.
3. Worship: (Fr. Brian)
 - a. Good Shepherd will offer Mass on December 9 at 6:30 p.m. for the Holy Day, The Immaculate Conception. St. Robert's will offer a Mass at 8:30 a.m. that day. Even though the Pope declared that this was a day of obligation, because of such short notice, the Bishop gave dispensation for the obligation for this year only.
4. Social Media: Carol Lawrence
 - a. Sign-up for Adoration and the Holy Day Mass of the Immaculate Conception are posted. We are promoting St. Nicholas Day and Sock Donations for Religious Ed children, and Breakfast with Santa. We also have reminders for K o C Fish Fry's and to Pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Will post Christmas Mass times soon.
 - b. K o C Webpage: Post Knights of Columbus monthly Newsletter, as well as Knight and Family of the month. Added a Knights Photo Gallery Page listed under the Events/Activities tab on the Knights webpage.

BINGO: Amy Ossenheimer

- a. No Report.

YOUTH GROUP: David Smith

1. The Youth Group is getting ready for the Breakfast with Santa event. David is waiting for a list of needy children from the school. He is getting ready to prepare Flyers for the school and Religious Ed children.

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Lisa M. Briggs

1. No Report.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE: Kevin Briggs, Brendalynn Barlow, Regina Sharpe

1. Regina reported that the parking lot lights need to be re-set to come on earlier. She also reported that Chet would like to do some mini training in the kitchen area to ensure things are being done correctly when the kitchen is being used.

PASTOR:

1. Fr. Brian discussed the idea of having a monthly potluck after the 11:15 a.m. Mass on Sunday's. The council agreed on the following dates for 2025: January 19, February 23, March 30 and April 27.
2. Fr. Brian also reported on the concern of the noise level as parishioners are leaving the church after Mass. It was suggested that the Ushers close the double doors to the vestibule after people leave and that the parishioners staying to recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet give parishioners time to exit.
3. There has been a request to remove the choir risers that are in the church. Fr. Brian would like to try to rearrange the space first to see if a different layout would eliminate the cramped space in the choir area.

The next council meeting will be on Tuesday, January 21, 2025.

The meeting ended at 8:30 p.m. with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann Kaczmarczyk