



St. Charles Borromeo
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Council Meeting
October 22, 2024

In attendance: Jeanette Conderman, Lorie Cook, Lisa Coon, Annamaria Falzarano, Fr. John Firpo, Michael Moriarty, Ryan Mulcahy, Jim Peters, Mark Stechschulte, Gerry Streb

1. **Opening Prayer-** Fr. John

2. **Introduction of Parish Council members 2024-25-** Fr John

Welcome Jeanette Conderman!

Appreciation expressed for former council members whose terms have ended.

Parish Council Term Limits shared by Fr. John.

Council meeting dates: Nov 12; Dec 10; Feb 11; March 11; May13; June TBD

3. **Approval of Minutes and Agenda-** Fr. John

4. **Staff Update-** Fr John

* **Finance Council** met 10/7/24

- a. CMA goal for 2024 is \$102,000. As of 10/22, \$38,500 has been pledged (37.8%)
 - i. The amount pledged to date is an increase over 2023, pledged by fewer donors.
 - ii. Selected parishioners to receive a letter of thanks in the mail this coming week.
- b. The *Parish Increased Giving Campaign* has yielded an 11% weekly increase.
 - i. Update about the campaign and thanks will be shared in the Oct 26/27 bulletin.
- c. Capital projects
 - i. AC /compressor has been fixed. Final testing to be completed in the Spring when there is warmer temperatures.
 - ii. More information to follow on the water tower.
 - iii. Water discovered in the basement due to a disconnected pipe. Gatti Plumbing was able to make the repair without having to excavate
- d. Building and Grounds Committee last met 7/25/24
 - i. Additional signage for the BMC has been purchased and awaits installation.

- ii. The St Charles Church sign on Dewey Avenue has also been painted.
- e. Faith Formation Update: Faith formation is in full swing; preparation for Penance and Confirmation underway.
 - i. OCIA (formerly RCIA) is holding an informational meeting on Oct 24 at MOS. Formation meetings will be at MOS this year.
 - ii. Bible Study sessions led by the deacons and Rosemary Lombard taking place through November 21. It is offered on Thursdays at 1:00 and 7:00pm. So far it has been well attended (30 people each week).
 - iii. There will be an Advent Bible Study offered by Deacon Dick Lombard on Thursdays from December 5 to January 2.
- f. Youth Ministry Update
 - i. CYO Basketball taking registrations; we will have 6 teams form St. Charles this year. Practices begin week of October 28 in the gym.
 - ii. A Youth meeting was held October 13; another to be scheduled soon.
- g. Pancake Breakfasts. Breakfasts have been well-attended; the next pancake breakfast is November 17.
- h. Fundraising Update
 - i. The Spring garage sale (May24-26 and May 31, June1 and 2) went very well. Planning for 2025 too!
 - ii. The Ladies Luncheon held on October 5 was a success. Awaiting final numbers
 - iii. The Holiday Pie Fundraiser orders due by Oct 27; pies must be picked up Nov 20.
- i. Music Ministry
 - i. The Children's Choir sang at 10:30 Mass on Oct 20 as part of the Liturgy.
 - ii. The Adult Choir will be singing on Nov 2 at 4:00 to begin our 100 Year celebration.
 - iii. The Adult Choir will present a Lessons and Carols Advent concert on Dec 1 at 3:00.
- j. Home visitations
 - i. Priests go out for anointings; 25+ parishioners volunteer to visit the homebound.
 - ii. Lee coordinates this ministry, and it is going well. New volunteers are welcome.
- k. Social Ministry Update
 - i. The Committee will begin collecting food for the Holiday Food Baskets given out at Christmas time.
 - ii. A coat collection for Mary's Place is also planned.
 - iii. The Advent Giving Wreath will be placed in church the weekend of November 23/24.

5. Centennial Celebration -Ryan

- a. Deacon Dan and Mike M to receive an official proclamation at Town Hall in recognition of our 100th Year Anniversary from the Town of Greece on October 24.
- b. Mass to celebrate the start of the Anniversary Year to be held on Saturday, Nov 2 at 4:00pm, followed by a Parish Pasta Dinner in the Parish Center.
- c. The Adult Choir will perform the Advent Lessons and Carols on December 1 in Church. Lorie shared there will also be a sale of ornaments, magnets and pens.
- d. A T-shirt sale is planned for Spring time.
- e. There was discussion by the council about sharing a preliminary list of events with the parish to inform about the upcoming centennial year celebration.

6. Bankruptcy Case – Fr. John

Updated information was presented and discussed.

7. Discussion: Pastoral Planning Session (10/15/2024)

- a. Parish Council members discussed the presentation of the Pastoral Planning Committee's report and recommendations were suggested.
- b. There will be a Parishioner presentation on Wednesday, November 20 at St. Charles Borromeo Church for the 7-parishes to attend. More information to be offered in the upcoming bulletins.

8. Discussion: Diocesan Census Data (2024)

- a. Fr. John shared that 1,460 families are affiliated with St. Charles Borromeo; approximately 600 families are "active" (attending Mass, volunteering in various ministries, etc.). Council discussed how to identify reasons why 800+ family units do not actively participate in the parish.
- b. Further discussions to take place at future Council meetings.

9. Selection of Officers for 2024-25

Chair: James Peters

Vice Chair: Annamaria Falzarano

Secretary: Jeannette Conderman

Finance Council Liaison: Lisa Coon

Respectfully submitted,

Annamaria Falzarano