

**St. George Parish Council Meeting Minutes**  
**St. George CLC**  
**May 16, 2023 7:00pm**

Chris Schomaker called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Silent roll was taken and the following members were present: Chris Schomaker (Chairperson), Fr. Steven Beatty, Deacon John Mote, Deacon John Fridley, Joyce Schomaker, Judy Winkeler, Dana Woods, Ryan Hund, Kailey Mueller, Lindsay Tripp, Jamie Wyms, Monica Hellman, John Schomaker (guest), Teri Thole (guest).

Deacon Fridley opened the meeting with prayer.

Guest speaker Teri Thole spoke regarding *Gardening Angels* concerns: There were several 'angels' and now down to two people. There are about 20 flower pots they take care of around church and the CLC. They could use some help if anyone would like to volunteer. They have removed several plants and moved some plants around which is healthier for them. Teri has recruited the help of her sister who is a Master Gardener to pick appropriate replacements. The Red Bud tree that was donated in memory of Rev. Gretchen has been damaged by the mowers and will not heal. Something needs to be done with that tree. Bill Koentz was asked to build a pergola in the meditation garden. Will cost about \$1500. The Gardening Angels will pay for some, others have asked if they could donate and some communication to see who else wants to donate without it getting out of hand. Chris mentioned several of these items are Building & Grounds issues so Teri will get some items together to take to the next Finance/Budget meeting.

Previous meeting minutes were reviewed. Minutes were motioned to be approved as presented by Dana Woods and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deacon Fridley. Motion carried.

### **Commission Reports**

**Finance/Building & Grounds:** Report was given by John Schomaker – currently budget vs. actual we are at a deficit of \$10K and expenses in April, May and June are usually higher. Envelope collection down and utilities are up. Anne gave report and chicken dinner/picnic really save us financially. Anne would like help with the picnic – a co-chair or someone to shadow and be come chairperson. Cleaning contract was redone and some costs cut there.

**Christian Formation & Education:** Chris did not hear back from Colleen or Stephanie – Kailey said PSR teachers met, discussed what worked and sounds like most teachers are coming back next year. The clean up day at St. Mary's went well and another workday scheduled for 6/24/23 at 9am – breakfast and lunch will be provided.

**Evangelization & Hospitality Outreach:** Report given by Joyce Schomaker – Event for the deaconate candidates will be a light breakfast after church on June 4. It was brought up about 'usher training', incorporating being more like a greeter and not just bringing up the money. Asked if going to have any more 99 classes or having small break out book clubs or something where families can get the information at the gathering and then discuss. Asked Fr. Beatty if anything at the office – he recommended anything from Ascension Press, certain podcasts.

**Family Life and Social Activities:** Report given by Jamie Wyms – same as above regarding deaconate event. Would like to bring back the Fall Vendor Fair, Family Movie Nights, a bonfire, a school supplies drive and other ideas. The Family Nights at St. Mary's were a success and would like to see the two parishes work together on those community events. The family/children's Mass was well received and would like to do more in the future.

**Christian Services/Social Justice:** Report given by Janice via email -

**Youth Ministry/Social Media Outreach:** Report given by Kailey – they are meeting two Sundays a month. Dudesicles and girl's group are still meeting monthly. They have about 20 teens going to Stuebenville this summer, July 7-9. Edge hosted their first kickoff and had 19 teens attend.

**Liturgy & Worship/Pastor's Report:** Report from Fr. Beatty – Family Mass was a success. Fr. Jim Allen has been helping with Spanish Mass and he is no longer about to assist. This may effect the Mass schedules going forward.

**Deaconate Committee:** There will be an announcement in the bulletin for the next two weeks. Someone will also speak after Mass to let everyone know about the Ordination, that June 4 is their first Mass, and about the light breakfast.

### **Old Business**

99 Follow Up – already discussed earlier

### **New Business**

After reviewing the bylaws, we can have one youth member to be on Council, just not have voting abilities. Chris asked Kailey to see if any youth in Life Teen would be interested. Ryan proposed getting a quote for a donation box(es) at the church entrances because of the lack of ushers-okayed. Ryan will check with Holy Childhood, Mater Dei and Wesclin shop teachers. There was discussion of maybe adding a Venmo-type of option for people to donate or pay at events.

### **Meeting Schedule**

St. George Parish Council Meeting Dates:

September 19, 2023 at 6:30pm

November 21, 2023 at 6:30pm

January 16, 2024 at 6:30pm

March 19, 2024 at 6:30pm

May 21, 2024 at 6:30pm

Joint Parish Council Meeting Date:

October 11, 2023, at St. George at 6:30pm

The group ended in prayer and the meeting was adjourned at ~8:20pm

Recording secretary: Dana Woods