

**Present:** Fr. Swamy, Bill Lawrence, Cheryl Meger, Jackie Evans, Shirley Schultz, Sandy Strand, Ev Stransky, and Deacon Scot Berkley.

**Call to Order & Prayer:** Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Jackie Evans, Council Chair. Fr. Swamy provided the opening prayer.

**Agenda Approval:** Agenda was reviewed and approved.

**Review and approve minutes from January 17, 2023, meeting:** Motion was made by Deacon Scot Berkley to approve the minutes as written. Shirley Schultz seconded the motion and all approved.

**Guest Speaker:** Joe Stiles, parishioner, regarding the upcoming “This Is My Body: Eucharistic Congress 2023”. Joe is leading the efforts to inform and encourage parishioners of Sacred Heart to attend this event which will be held June 10, 2023, at the Mankato Civic Center 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM.

- Emphasis is placed on First Communicants, those received into the Church at Easter 2023, newly Confirmed, couples who have been Married in the parish in the past three years. A special invitation will be made to all parishioners in these groups.
- Joe spoke to parishioners at each Mass the weekend of March 18-19. Other groups that will be contacted include: Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Men’s and Women’s Bible Study groups, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers/St. Mary’s School, RCIA candidates, Choir, Serra Club, St. Vincent De Paul, Catholic Daughters, those that participate in adoration, etc
- There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> ‘wave’ of encouragement and Joe will come to fellowship in May. At this time, assistance will be offered with online registration after the Masses.
- Parishioners may also come to the parish office for help with registration. If anyone needs help with fees to attend, Father Swamy has offered to assist. Also, planning is underway to provide a bus to the event and Bill Regan from the bus company is on board to help with bussing (likely combined with St. Joe’s).
- The goal is for strong attendance to enhance our lives as Catholics. We are all encouraged to attend and invite others.

**Pastor’s Report:**

- Chrism Mass will be held at St. Augustine Church in Austin on Monday, April 3, 2023, at 4:00 PM.
- First Communion will be Sunday, April 16, 2023, at 10 AM and 11:30 AM Masses. This is also Divine Mercy Sunday.
- Confirmation will be April 19, 2023, at 7 PM at St. Joseph Church. Sacred Heart has approximately 30 confirmands.
- Brittany Boubin is now on maternity leave and Caroline Nelson has stepped into her role in the Religious Education Program until Brittany returns.

## **Old Business:**

- Canopy Input – A summary of the survey will be placed in the bulletin within a couple of weeks. The final decision will be made by Father and an action plan will be implemented, if approved.  
(Bruce Louks, parishioner in attendance, was seeking an update and stated that people are curious about the process and outcome.)
- Tabernacle Campaign – The tabernacle is now delayed and will not likely be delivered prior to Holy Week.
- Celebration of Fr. Swamy's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination – May 3, 2023.  
We will celebrate after Mass on Saturday, April 29 and Sunday, April 30. The Serra Club will host fellowship after the Sunday Masses and Bill and Marie Lawrence will host after the Saturday evening Mass. The Serra Club would also like to make ordination cards with an image and prayer, to be blessed by Fr. Swamy and handed out at the celebration. An announcement will be made at Mass, inviting all to come and honor Father on this milestone.
- Announcing songs at Mass- Ray Bissen inquired about announcing songs at Mass in addition to having them posted on the electronic display board. Fr. Swamy has observed parishioner participation in singing and has found there is no difference if it is announced or not.
- Lighting on the monstrance during adoration. Deacon Scot does turn on the spotlight that shines on the monstrance.
- Wall color with LED lighting. This will be addressed during the Building and Grounds Committee meeting. Bill Lawrence reported that other items for Building and Grounds included investigation of a leak in the Usher Area. It was determined snow blew into the tower area and melted and that there was not an issue with rain. Also, tuck pointing is needed, and they are working on finding someone to provide an estimate and timeframe on completing the work.

## **New Business:**

- Parish Picnic – Planning will begin for this year's event. Last year about 125 people attended. Fr. Swamy is in support of continuing this event to promote fellowship. Eating inside made it easier for attendees to visit with one another. Ev Stransky suggested asking the funeral committee to help with food because they do a great job. Games outside should be kept simple as not too many children attended. Sandy Strand will work to get a date on the calendar, avoiding KC breakfast dates – potentially in early September.

**Next Meeting:** May 16, 2023 @ 5:30 pm.

## **Agenda Planning for Next Meeting:**

- Update: Canopy Plans
- Update: Tabernacle and other items
- Update: Fr. Swamy Anniversary of Ordination Planning
- Update: Parish Picnic Planning

**Meeting Adjourned:** By Jackie Evans 6:15 PM. Closing prayer by Fr. Swamy.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Ann Meger, Secretary