

**Present:** Fr. Starasinich, Sandy Strand, Cheryl Meger, Jackie Evans, Terry Evans, Shirley Schultz, 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. Starasinich led the group in prayer.

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

**Review and approve minutes from May 16, 2023, meeting:** Motion was made by Deacon Scot Berkley to approve the minutes as written. Shirley Schultz seconded the motion and all approved.

**Pastor's Report:**

- Fr. Starasinich, pastor at St. Joseph Church, joined the meeting due to Fr. Swamy's parish reassignment.
- Fr. Gregory Parrott is assigned as Parochial Vicar for Sacred Heart, St. Joseph, and Christ the King Parishes and is set to live at Sacred Heart Rectory. He will be moving in July 31.
- Msgr. Thomas Cook will also move into the Sacred Heart Rectory on July 31 and begin celebrating daily mass on August 1.
- A farewell event for Fr. Dharma will be held Friday, July 28 from 6-8 pm at Joseph Hall. He will now be the Parochial Vicar for six parishes in the Worthington Deanery - Fulda, Slayton, Westbrook, Currie, Lake Wilson and Iona.
- Sacred Heart will have visiting priests for the next two weekends (July 22-23 and July 29-30) representing Mission Co-Op and Food for the Poor.
- Fr. Starasinich reported he will be away from St. Joseph Parish for World Youth Day and Fr. Parrott will be available for masses during that time.
- Fr. Starasinich requested Sandy Strand, Parish Administrator, set up a meeting for him and Msgr. Cook prior to his departure for World Youth Day.
- Brief discussion about how to address Msgr. Cook. Is appropriate to call him Father or should he always be addressed as Monsignor? Fr. Starasinich indicated he should be addressed as he wishes, but most likely prefers Monsignor. He also shared that Pope Francis has not named any new Monsignors during his tenure.

**Old Business:**

- Canopy Update – Excellent progress has occurred on the project with sealcoating and concrete complete. Signage, chain link 'fencing', and other safety items to follow shortly. Information will be in the bulletin on the weekend of July 22-23, and will repeat for several weekends stressing safety information and usage guidelines. The entire project has been paid in full through the generosity of donors. Volunteers came forward to assist with the labor as well.

- Tabernacle Campaign – The tabernacle and candle stands have arrived. This project is also paid in full. The candle stands are heavy and special attention will need to be paid as to altar servers carrying them.
- Transition of Priests – See above notes in Pastor's Report.
- Parish Picnic – September 10, 2023, Noon
  - Potluck, with the church providing pulled pork, buns, condiments. Parishioners will be asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Eat inside the parish center. Jackie Evans will take care of the food. Ruth Boubin, Eric and Chris Tucker will help. Dave Lax will be contacted for his roasters.
  - Activities include small games such as ladder toss, coloring pages, golf putter, face painting (will check with Brittany Boubin for ideas of who might do face painting), tattoos and stickers for kids. Deacon Scot will contact Bill Lawrence for games. Shirley Schultz suggested securing student volunteers who may need service hours – Sandy suggested being in touch with REP.
  - Cheryl Meger suggested having the children's choir sing Sunday morning to encourage young families to return for the picnic.
  - We will advertise the event with a bulletin stuffer and email to parishioners, as well as social media posts. We will encourage all to come and meet and greet Msgr. Cook and Fr. Parrott.

### **New Business:**

- Sacred Heart kitchen stove. The commercial stove will be removed along with the fire suppression system as it is not required. A non-commercial stove will be installed, and some cabinetry will need to be reworked.
- August 6 fellowship at 10:00 am mass will be coordinated by Greg and Shirley Schultz.
- August 13 Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated to honor parishioner Caroline Stiles, to be Sr. Ann Immaculee, who will profess her final vows on August 5 with the Sisters of Life in New York. Her brother, Fr. James Stiles will be the main mass celebrant. The Serra Club will host fellowship following mass. Parishioners are invited to greet Sr. Immaculee and her family.

**Next Meeting:** September 19, 2023 @ 5:30 pm.

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

- Follow up: Canopy Usage
- Follow up: Parish Picnic
- Welcome: Msgr. Cook

**Meeting Adjourned:** By Jackie Evans 6:11 PM. Closing prayer by Fr. Starasinich.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Ann Meger, Secretary