**Parish Council Meeting Minutes**

January 25, 2022

***We the people of the Catholic community of St. John the Baptist, a parish of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, gather as a Eucharist-centered community.***

***We are charged by our baptism in Christ to worship, live, and share the word of God in holiness.***

***We are called to lifelong faith formation.  We are committed to the loving service of all God’s creation through acts of mercy, justice, and stewardship.***

**Attendance**

Present: Denny Dietrich, Tom Wieseler, Fr. Andy, Denise Brannaman, Lisa Thuerauf, Dave Klostermann, Conni Swart.

Absent: Julie Broulik, Natalie Klostermann, Mark Anton, Jacob Ryan, Brian Doyle

**Agenda Items:**

* AED: This is checked by the fire department and is current.
* Parish Life Committee-the council will brainstorm ideas via e-mail and discuss in more detail next month. Dave to start e-mail.
* Strategic planning. Areas to consider when we meet later this spring. Where are we at? What goals can we focus on? What is the vision we have? How do we want to grow our discipleship? Can we establish a small group ministry? How to expand Eucharistic adoration. Vocations: how do we get parishioners to talk with kids about religious life as an option? What kind of culture do we want to have? Is there an outside facilitator from Archdiocese that could facilitate our discussion? We will discuss more in February.
* Missal covers are approved and Liturgy to select and order.
* Staff Retirement. Linda and Loraine are retiring at end of fiscal year on June 30th. Preliminary discussion of options for replacing them. We will discuss in more detail next meeting.

**Additional items of discussion:**

* Finance is looking at replacing Ed wing doors. The garage for Father Andy is getting requoted. There is interest in installing a new Baptismal font. More information is required to continue this discussion.
* The Archdiocese is reviving the ArchdioceseOne capital campaign, to help the poor and to support the mission of the Church. The Archdiocese is also responding to Pope Francis’ invitation to participate in the Synod on the future of our church. Parishioners will be sent information on the capital campaign and also a survey on viability and revitalization.

Date of next meeting: February 22, 2022

Minutes recorded by: Dave Klostermann