

The Church of the Epiphany All Parish Meeting

Meeting Notes for September 11, 2018

- A. Father Dufner opened the meeting with a prayer.
- B. Catechism: Video on Relics
- C. Open Mic:
 - 1. Karolyn Gerard: Asked why the collections were down over \$50,000. Father Dufner said perhaps sex abuse scandal, fewer parishioners, or simply less donations might be the cause.
 - 2. Louis Cellette: Pointed out that the flag outside the Chapel was too small and should be lit at night if flying. Eventually flag poles will be installed in front so flags can be properly displayed.
 - 3. Jerry Nelson: How is attendance?
 - 4. Carol McClaine: Thanked priests for teaching and being true to the Faith.
 - 5. Linda Nelson: Discussed Mass in the Chapel.
 - 6. Bernice Olson: Voiced concern over the \$20.00 E-Fest admission fee.
 - 7. John Holland: Asked if the Pastoral Council could have name boards on the table to identify them. Jane Fabozzi, newest Pastoral Council member, was introduced.
 - 8. Jerry Harper: Voiced concern about pews mounted over carpet and the ½ inch step that might exist between concrete floor and areas where carpeting will be removed. Jay explained any differences in heights will be addressed. Also explained how pews will be scribed and custom fitted on site.
 - 9. John Katuski: Asked about getting an old pew and was advised that those wanting a pew have to remove them themselves.
 - 10. Linda Nelson: Expressed some concerns about parishioners extending their arms during the “Our Father” and at other times during the Mass. Asked what the proper procedure was.
 - 11. Bernice Olson: wanted to know how E-Fest went. There was mixed feedback and the entire event will be reviewed. Event netted \$20,000.00 this year as compared to \$9,000.00 last year. Sale of raffle tickets brought in \$34,000.00.
 - 12. Rose Friis: Suggested that E-Fest be rescheduled to September to ease conflict with start of school year.
 - 13. Linda Nelson: Suggested we do a better job of advertising E-Fest next year.
 - 14. Jerry Nelson: Suggested there be a chicken dinner offered at E-Fest next year.
 - 15. Mary Millis: Reminded us that E-Fest is a community event that should draw people together and not just a fundraiser.
- D. Updates – Jay Tomaszewski/Father Dufner
 - 1. Bankruptcy: Not completely settled yet. There’s an appeal process that ends September 25th.
 - 2. Worship aids: Will be available while Masses are held in the gym/cafeteria.
 - 3. Pews: Removal was outsourced and should begin very soon.
 - 4. New flooring in Church: Decorating Committee looking at a number of options (tile or carpet and colors) and will make a selection soon.
 - 5. Kitchen: Work completed. Kitchen final cost was \$327,000.00 which included an upgraded flooring material that is commonly used in restaurants, is impervious to oils and water and relieves fatigue. Total cost of Kitchen and cafeteria together was \$385,000.00
 - 6. Adoration Chapel: Bids to remodel will be solicited with work to begin in early 2019.
 - 7. School Media Center/Library: Father Dufner will introduce his vision for the room in the near future.
 - 8. School traffic flow: Parents bringing their children to school should turn right upon entering the Church parking lot and stay well to the rear of the lot to minimize the danger to morning Mass attendees. Signs,

barriers and traffic monitors will be on hand to show parents the new route. School buses drop off and pick up children outside the Chapel/Church Office area. Parishioners should try to avoid that area when buses are dropping off or picking up children.

9. School: Principal Ann Coone is reorganizing the Pre-K program and the School Chapel is complete with the exception of some accent lighting.
10. Church organ: The cost to repair is \$619,000. Father Dufner doesn't think it's a good use of funds. Rogers electronic organs are very good and cost \$100,000.

The date for the next All-Parish Meeting will be determined.

Father closed the meeting with prayer.