

ALL SAINTS PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 6, 2022 6:00 - 7:45

Rectory Dining Room

Members Present: Rev. James Arthur, Doris Cahn, Samuel Davies, Anthony Esson, Dana Kleckley, Joyce Simms, Papa Yorke, Ted Zimmer.

Members Absent: Felita Ashley

Also Present: Tonya Johnson (Director of Administration)

1. **Opening Prayer:** Fr. Arthur
2. **Minutes:** The minutes of the Council's meeting November 8, 2022 were approved by consensus.
3. **Exterior Security Cameras:** The Finance Council recently approved a contract to purchase and have Advatech install three exterior security cameras and related equipment and software that will provide images to Parish computers and smartphone apps as needed. There will be one camera at the main door of each of the Parish's three buildings. The total cost is approximately \$40,000. After discussion, the Pastoral Council reached consensus to recommend that Fr. Arthur sign the contract and authorize the installation of the system as soon as possible.
4. **Interior Church Lighting:** The Finance Council recently approved a contract with Roman Electric to replace the bulbs of the overhead lighting in the church with LED lights that will provide brighter illumination and will substantially reduce the amount of electricity that the systems draws. The total cost is approximately \$27,000. After discussion, the Pastoral Council reached consensus to recommend that Fr. Arthur sign the contract and authorize the installation of the system as soon as possible.
5. **Envelope Giving:** The Council briefly discussed the effectiveness of the envelope method of encouraging parishioners to contribute to the operations of the Parish. Fr. Arthur reported that more than half of the parishioners give nothing each year.
6. **Youth Activities:** Dana and Sam reported that they and Sheila had met to develop plans to have monthly opportunities for the youth of the parish to work on a service project and to be recognized at Mass. The project for December is to collect toiletries to be donated to the Food Pantry. The young people will be recognized at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on December 18. Dana and Sam agreed to write up their plans for this program.
7. **Love One Another Capital Campaign:** Tonya reported on a status meeting that she attended at the Archdiocese. She learned that only one parishioner of All Saints has submitted a pledge so far. Fr. Arthur urged all members of the Councils and other parish organization to encourage other parishioners to make and submit a pledge. The Archdiocese has asked him to personally contact parishioners who may be able to pledge at a higher level than average. The Archdiocese has established \$401,528 over five years as the goal that All Saints must try to reach. If that goal were

reached, the Parish would get back \$240,917 (60%) to be used for capital improvements and safety. The Parish is also likely to get grants from the Archdiocese because of its status as mission parish.

8. **Next Meeting:** There will be no meeting in January. The Council will next meet in February.

9. **Closing Blessing:** Fr Arthur

Theodore F. Zimmer, Secretary