

Parish Council Minutes
Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church
June 9, 2022

Present: Father Perez, Keith Robinson, Irene Sommers, Frank Pandolfo, Susan King, Rose Ann Smythe, Sandra Modersohn, Eleanor Ames by phone.

- Father led us in opening prayer.
- The March minutes were reviewed and approved

Old Business

- Church upgrades; high priority on confessional as per diocese. Father Weston sent several photos for us to consider. Has been delayed due to Father Weston and Father Perez surgeries.
- There was much discussion on the building of a new church versus renovating. The diocese would have to be consulted before any decision could be made. Many are concerned we could not afford a new church, nor be able to support a mortgage. The building committee needs to meet and come up with some suggestions to present to the diocese to see what is feasible.
- Unfortunately, there was an oversight in ordering the doors for the church. The order was not completed. The company is not returning calls. We will contact the diocese for suggested suppliers for commercial door. We will need to put together a new proposal.
- The balances of our accounts from the last Finance Council Meeting are:
 - Checking: \$11,939.55
 - DIAL Account: \$1,024,704.23
 - Dial Building Account: \$86,687.92
 - Dial Extraordinary Account: \$153,248.92
- 40 Hours Devotion – will be held again next year. Dates to be determined.
- Synod held meeting on Wednesday, March 30. Even though a few attended, we had some good comments.
- Church cleaning service - 2nd and 4th Monday of the month and she charges \$50. She is doing a great job.
- Parish get-togethers and potlucks – Knights and Ladies Council will coordinate together to set up future events. September Picnic, Holiday Luncheon, St. Patrick & St. Joseph, Our Lady of the Valley Patron Saint will have to move date because of Easter.

New Business

- Bishop's Lenten Appeal – We reached 95% of our monetary goal. Short \$765 of 100%. There was 33% participation.
- Daily schedule of sacraments for next 2 weeks- Father will be having heart surgery June 15 and 16. He hopes to be able to make it back in service by Fourth of July. It will just depend on how well he recuperates.
- Communion Service will be held weekdays with Keith Robinson and deacons from Front Royal and Winchester. Weekend masses will be covered by Father Vandewoude, Father Vaccarro, and Father Tipton. There will be no Wednesday confessions but the 4:00 Saturday confessions will be held.
- Flowers for Church – Sandra suggested a floral service (revase.com) which provides stems we can arrange for the altars for \$60 a month. It was approved to try them out and see how long they last. A sign up was suggested for parishioners who would want to bring in their own flowers, or purchase for the church.

The rest of the 2022 meeting dates are: September 22, December 15.

There being no further business, Father led us in a closing prayer.

Eleanor Ames, Secretary