

Parish Council Minutes
Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church
September 14, 2023 – 7 PM

Present: Father Perez, Keith Robinson, Eleanor Ames, Frank Pandolfo, Sandra Modersohn, Sharon Booker
Father led us in an opening prayer. The March minutes were reviewed and approved.

Old Business

Project Updates: Frank Pandolfo

- Doors and Portico – Eleanor prepared a report on the church doors which have been selected. See separate attachment. Once the diocese approves the proposal, we will begin replacing the doors. Estimated cost is \$24,000 for both sets of doors.
- Confessional – The diocese is pretty much working on the Cathedral renovations so most everything is on hold right now.
- Basement Renovation- Two bids were finalized but the diocese wants their third contractor to submit a bid as well. Eric from diocese said there is mold but that the basement would just be closed off from the rest of the church while removing it. So far renovation estimates have been about \$17,000.

Project Updates – Father Perez

- Sanctuary Repair/Renovation – On hold
- HVAC in Sanctuary – currently working fine so we will hold off and do this before the sanctuary renovations begin. Right now, Andrew Shulman said they would plan to put the new air ducts over the window areas.

New Business

- **September Parish Picnic** – Was very well attended this year. Suggested there needs to be a better flow establish for the food line
- **Finance Report**
Account Balances as of July 31, 2023:
 - ❖ Checking: \$17,328.00
 - ❖ DIAL Operating: \$1,050,665.98
 - ❖ DIAL Building Fund: \$88,884.23
 - ❖ DIAL Extra Ordinary Dividend: \$157,234.13
 - ❖ Parish revenue exceeded expense by \$18,324 for year ending June 30, 2023
- Financial Council – New Chairman, Sharon Booker
- Diocesan Rosary Congress - October 7– 13 but Father Perez will be on retreat at this time
- October Mass Count will be held each week of the month.
- Religious Education – 1 student
- Knights of Columbus: want to hold a Holy Hour on the 3rd Wednesday of September, December, and March (tentative)
- Mandatory Retreat for Father –We will have Holy Communion Services while he is gone.
- Calendar activities – To prevent mix up in room usage, anyone needing a meeting space should schedule it with Irene.
- Parish Directory – Sandra will be coordinating efforts to create a new parish directory. Anne Wirdzek will be taking photos. They hope to do this after masses. Dates to be decided. Everyone will fill out a form indicating what information they wish to use in the directory
- Parish Christmas Party – December 10 at the Luray Moose Lodge

Meeting Dates Scheduled: Meeting dates – next is December 14. Dates for 2024: (March 14, June 13, September 12, December 12)

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

Eleanor Ames, Secretary