**St. Andrew the Apostle Parish**

**Monthly Council Meeting**

**May 16th, 2023, 5:30 p.m.**

**In Attendance**:  Fr. Greg, Fr Samuel, Linda Klein, Ann Dickson, Maryann Hockstad, Charlie Irwin, Thad Larson, Larry Powers, Dcn Lauro & Lupita Teran, Pauline Fredericks, Ed Graveline, Chuck Muscato, Mike Wilson, Fran Cassidy, and Kate Callender (recording)

**Excused**:  Michelle Mitchell, Linda Denno

Linda K. called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and Fr. Greg led the group in an opening prayer.

Minutes from the April meeting were approved as written.

**Finance**(Kate):  Income for April was $105,096 of which $1,688 were designated to Good Shepherd Mission.  Expenses were $78,732.  The Parish general fund level is $552,040.  The Building Our Church fund balance is $89,403.

**Hispanic Ministries (**Lauro): A Spanish-speaking priest from St Pius X has agreed to visit the Parish and help from time to time at the Spanish Mass. The Hijos de Maria Group donated $200 to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

**ACA**: (Ann): Parishioners have pledged a total of $167,488, which is 125% of the goal, from 346 donors.

**St Vincent de Paul Society** (Pauline):   The Store averages $1,800 to $2,400 per day in sales. The Food Bank continues to have steady requests for assistance. 12,900 pounds of goods were collected at the annual Postal Driver food drive. All were very grateful for the 40 volunteers that assisted in sorting the donations that day. The Legacy Foundation is coordinating a county-wide food drive during the third week of June.

**Knights of Columbus** (Larry):   The 116th Annual State Convention this weekend. Fr. Greg will be in attendance as the State Chaplain. Larry Powers has been nominated for the Office of State Treasurer.

**Building and Grounds** (Maryann): Maintenance staff has finished putting a new coat on the roof of the Church. The curtains in Kino have been cleaned and will be re-hung this week. Bill Cassidy readjusted the front doors at Good Shepherd Mission. Cactus Wren renewed their rental contract for another two-year period. The Community Chorus donated to the Parish in thanks for the use of Kino Hall as a rehearsal venue.

**Catholic Community Services News** (Maryann): Donations are being accepted to assist migrants and distributed through a center in Tucson.

**Ladies of St A** (Fran): The Ladies collected baby items to be distributed through Care Net Pregnancy Center. Bazaar donations have started to come in. The Craft Group continues to meet on Thursdays in Madonna Hall and others continue to work on projects at home.

**St. Paul’s Street Evangelization** (Ed): Ed continues evangelization throughout the Community, both one-on-one and with group prayer organization.

**Our Lady of the Sierras Foundation** (Charlie): Fr Amal Sebastiar is hosting a two-day evangelization retreat in mid-July at the Center. Rooms are available and reservations can be made through the Foundation office.

**St. Andrew Scholarship** (Thad): Scholarships were awarded to two of the seven applicants. Thad reported that the essays were excellent, and the choice was very difficult to make this year.

**All Saints School** (Mike): 90 students are enrolled for the upcoming school year.

**Pastor Report**: Fr. Greg proposed that the Parish donate to the Jewish Community Center that will be opened in Sierra Vista in a renovated existing building on Fry Boulevard. The Council voted to become a “partner” donor and donate $4,500. Carlos Nagore, a seminarian from the Diocese, will be assigned to the Parish from August of this year until June of next year. Fr. Greg led the Council in congratulating Fr. Samuel on passing the U.S. Citizenship exam. Fr. Samuel is very pleased to have passed the exam but asked that all continue to pray for Nigerians as persecution continues and increases in severity.  Volunteers will once again be allowed into the Cochise County Jail for ministry in the upcoming weeks.

**Budget**: The Council reviewed the proposed budget for FY 2024. Vote will be at next month’s meeting.

Linda adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m., Fr. Greg led the group in a closing prayer and Fr. Samuel imparted his blessing.