

St. John the Baptist, Peosta

Meeting Minutes 10/7/24

In Attendance: Fr. Mike, Lindsey Krapfl, Tim Lehmann, Theresa Elgin, Tony Richard, Tyler Jones, Zack Little.

Notes from Parish Festival:

- Silent Auction: feedback that we could have more kids items on auction
- Move ticket table closer to the food booth.
- Stagger food helpers more.
- Make sure we are consistent with when we hold this every week – 3rd weekend in September? (This year we coordinated to not be the same weekend as Fireman's auction)
- Parishioner thought food trucks were getting kind of old – could we cook a meal? Chilli cook off?
- Discussed that we have the tent for an entire week – how can we further utilize the tent during the time we have it? The last couple of years they have set it up the week in advance. Ex) Adults night, a wine and cheese event, etc. Outdoor Mass (prob a lot of effort), Rosary,
- Make sure we have well detailed instructions on all the tasks, vendors, etc.
- Could we take a collection instead of the festival, they did that for a time
- \$26k in profits
 - Next year we would like to have a defined cause that we communicate we are raising money for.

Parish Council Revitalization efforts:

Ideas discussed:

- Kids liturgies, that woman is you type program,
- How do we broaden the pool of active parishioners that help with events?
- Christmas dessert exchange
- How can we get more ministers and volunteers for the services – particularly Saturday night!
 - Ex) server training, bowling, food, etc.
- Discussed having a working team ex) couples and offer childcare to plan things at church
- Need a list of people to get involved, how do we motivate?
- Next session will have a strategy session: Lindsey will start a google doc and send out 3-4 questions in advance.
- Next year is our 150 year, so we can make this a milestone that we celebrate.

We finished the session with writing thank you notes to some of our core vendors from the festival.

Motion to adjourn: Tony, Tyler 2nd.