

Jesus the Good Shepherd Catholic Community

Covenant Service Board Minutes Summary – August 24, 2023

Present: Fr. Mike, Mike Harper, Chris Johnson, Janet Selke, Dan Dusseau. Absent: Carlton Leslie, Charlene Cameron, Debbie Distad.

After the 7 p.m. opening prayer, Fr. Mike welcomed everyone back, this meeting traditionally taking place prior to Covenant Sunday in September. Father hoped all got away for a little break this summer. Father shared that getting away was not an option for him, due to the summertime being a busy planning and maintenance time for both JGS and CHA, the latter where he serves as administrator. He was also the caretaker this summer for another pastor recovering from surgery. He also welcomed to our meeting three parishioners who each spoke about the following: Covenant Sunday, the U.S. Eucharistic Revival and the Centre Kitchen Renovation project.

Liz Grover shared that **Covenant Sunday preparations** are well underway. She is assisted this year by co-coordinator, Mike Thompson. It takes many volunteers to make Covenant Sunday happen. At this stage, many have already come forward and supplies for various things have been ordered. Laura Cleary explained the importance of the **Eucharistic Revival** in which JGS is participating and our local plans for small groups. The Revival will pick up its pace after Labor Day Weekend. She explained that the goal of the Revival is to re-awaken Catholics to a fuller understanding and appreciation of the gift of Holy Eucharist and devotion to the same. Jen Olsen gave a very thorough update and timeline for the proposed **Centre Kitchen Renovation**. The Committee has met for about the last 14 months and worked hard to coordinate this huge undertaking within its eight meetings or so. Father mentioned that we must be flexible with the time table because funds necessary for the renovation must first be raised. It is the policy of the Archdiocesan that at least 75% of the funds necessary for a project such as this be in the bank. Even with savings from the parish, it will be necessary to have a fundraising campaign if we are to see a badly needed renovation of our Centre kitchen. Father expressed his deep appreciation to all members of the Kitchen Renovation Committee for all their dedication and hard work so far.

Father reported that JGS has been the recipient of many summer blessings: the assignment of **Deacon Michael Dorsett** to our community; as a result, we are strengthening our *Ministry to the Homebound*. **CHA** is embarking on a wonderful new year with the new interim principal, Mrs. Dawn Nazzaro, increased enrollment [about 200 students], and several new faculty members. With the students resuming their lunch periods in the Centre since March, 2020, students will be using the downstairs and gym restrooms and not the recently renovated Centre Restrooms. New **Stations of the Cross** were recently installed. The new Stations, a gift from a couple from our community, are colorful, attractive and very accessible given their new location [along the driveway to the JGS Cemetery]. Two major and costly installations took place: a **new fire alarm system** for the entire building to replace the aging one and a **new HVAC compressor** which serves the church.

The meeting closed with a short discussion on how to encourage greater use of the Upper Room Media Centre by parishioners. It was recommended that the space be more advertised so that the community knows that it even exists for their personal use. The meeting ended with prayer at 8:25 p.m.