

Parish Council Meeting

September 1, 2020

The parish council met 6 PM utilizing Zoom. Those participating were Fr. Connolly, Ben Bly, Barb Brown, Bob Cardoni, Ron Clouse, Bitrus Gwana, Marcia Kentner, Tim Lohmann, Mary Ann Messer, Doug Slobodnik, Susan Smith, Dr. Joe Tansey, Kelley Tansey.

Opening prayer by Susan Smith

Minutes from July meeting were approved as printed.

Pastoral Comments: Father thanked council members for agreeing to reschedule parish Council meeting as last week was extremely busy with funerals. No word from diocese on relaxing COVID restrictions particularly being able to take communion to the homebound and the operative word is be patient.

Attendance at weekend masses continue to be steady at approximately 120-150 for 3 masses.

Old Business:

More effort will be placed on getting the Nourish program started this next month.

Social Action:

School supplies and back packs were collected recently, and October will feature sanctity of life.

Church Life:

Stewardship books will be mailed to households with a cover letter from Father. These booklets were ordered last year and since COVID they have not been utilized. The book has daily meditations for 4 weeks paralleled with the Gospel of Matthew which is the focus of Cycle A liturgical year. To reach parishioners "stay in touch" they will be mailed to begin October 4-31,2020. Advent 2020 will begin a new Cycle B. Motion by Slobodnik with second by Joe Tansey. Passed unanimously.

Building and Grounds:

Concrete work has been completed. Bishop has approved the plans of reroofing the church for completion sometime in 2021. Unexpected air conditioning repairs were needed and completed with all the recent activities (funerals). The kitchen is being painted.

Budget:

Year end expenses and income were reviewed. The budget has been submitted by Finance Council to diocese for July 2020- June 2021. Projected income for new fiscal year is \$100,000 down and reflects cancelling of Fall Festival and Old Threshers due to Covid. Related to budget, Internet will be through Mediacom on a 3-year contract providing stronger service. The landlines will be through Windstream. Overall these changes will reflect \$60/month reduction in expenditures.

Faith Formation:

The October materials from the diocesan developed religious ed program for K-8 were just received and Kelley will begin calling families to register families who have children in this age group. Areas of emphasis are Prayer, The Word, Service, and looking for movies which will tie in. A youth ministry team is being formed. RCIA has some interested candidates. A Spanish speaking gentleman will be assisted with a Spanish speaking Deacon of the diocese.

Additional comments:

Parish Council elections continue to be unknown.

Dorothy (Mrs. Gary) Welcher who died August 22, 2020 served as treasurer of the Cemetery Committee for at least 36 years! That is dedication and as a parish family we thank Dorothy and her family for her ministry. Amen.

Meeting closed in prayer.

Next Parish Council meeting scheduled for October 27th. Mary Ann Messer opening and closing prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Messer