

Parish Council Meeting

February 23, 2021

The parish council met 6 PM utilizing Zoom. Those participating were Fr. Connolly, Barb Brown, Ben Bly, Ron Clouse, Bitrus Gwamna, Stan Holtkamp, Marcia Kentner, Tim Lohmann, Mary Ann Messer, Dr. Kent Metcalf, Doug Slobodnik, Dr. Joe Tansey, Kelley Tansey.

Not Present: Bob Cardoni, Susan Smith,

Minutes from the January meeting were approved as printed.

Stan Holtkamp presided over the meeting.

Pastoral Comments: Mass counts: Ushers have been taking attendance counts at all three masses since January 10th. This past weekend the 5:30 mass was 46 matching the high of January 17, 8 AM mass was 50 exceeding the previous high of 48 (January 10th) 11:00 was 65. The attendance for Feb 21 weekend was up 19 (161 total) from the previous high total 142 from January 17.

Due to the deteriorating condition of the rectory (basement, first floor walls) the Building and Grounds recommended either building/buying a new rectory.

Tansey motioned to build a house for the Parish. Clouse second. There was discussion and the vote was 9 to 1. Motion passed.

Slobodnik motioned to not rent the condo for the time being. Gwamna second. There was discussion and the vote was 5 to 5. Motion failed.

After more discussion, Tansey motioned to rent Condo. Bly second. There was discussion and the vote was 9 to 1. Motion passed. Father will be moving to the Condo on the corner of Jackson and Webster facing South which is available April 1st.

Committee Reports:

Social Action: No meeting

Liturgy Committee: Father reported Communal penance service would mirror the 2020 Advent service. A virtual communal service followed by individual confessions. It is yet to be scheduled. Ash Wednesday services had 66 participants at noon fewer at the evening service.

Family Life Committee: Ben reported he had 4 couples from the parish are meeting at his home on Sundays beginning this weekend to use the Emmaus materials as follow-up to Vision 2020.

Faith Formation: 11 children made the Sacrament of Reconciliation and are preparing for the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. A high school sophomore is enrolled in the Rite of Christian Initiation.

Church Life: With the help of many volunteers, homemade cookies and treats were delivered to parishioners over the Valentine weekend. 56 homes were reached and many written or telephone calls received at the office. It was an effort to let those alone or isolated to know their parish has not forgotten them. It is hoped another similar event can take place especially while COVID regulations are in place. Bitrus will be coordinating and typing items for Parishioners in the Pew which now with COVID may include Parishioners not in the pew.

Old Business:

Vanco: Vanco that provides online giving is ready to begin and is on the St. Alphonsus Web page.

Nourish Program: The next session is February 28, at 7PM. Doug encouraged council members to consider participating and will be sent the information.

Finance Report: The income and expenses distributed prior to meeting. Father reported that PPP loan through recent COVID guidelines has been awarded and will assist in meeting budget needs at the parish.

Closing prayer offered by Mary Ann Messer

Opening prayer next month Ron and Closing Bitrus.

The next meeting is March 23, 6:00.