

## Parish Council Meeting

July 21, 2020

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

Guest: Tom Holtkamp

Opening prayer by Bitrus Gwana

Minutes from June were approved as printed.

**Fall Festival:** Tom Holtkamp reported Fall Festival Committee discussed the need for direction regarding this year's FF. Several possibilities had been discussed such as a Carry out dinner. However, considering the uncertainty of COVID recommendations that will be in place this September and what diocesan regulations will expect he was present for input from parish council. Marcia motioned to not have Fall Festival this year. Second by Joe Tansey. All approved. Joe Tansey suggested the parish may consider changing the time of year to spring as September has Old Threshers and it may work better to move to springtime. Marcia expressed gratitude for the efforts of the committee and those present wholeheartedly agreed by show of right hand by Zoom.

**Social Action:** Tim reported and encouraged the parish to donate school supplies and food for the Fellowship Cup to distribute this time of year.

**Faith Formation:** Kelley reported Ryan Harvey was received into the Catholic Church the weekend of July 12th. His reception of the sacraments were delayed due to COVID and cancellation of Easter Vigil Mass. Thanh Phung received the sacrament of confirmation.

The faith formation program is working with the diocesan faith formation for programming of a family-based direction which will be at home. The sacrament of Confirmation that was postponed due to COVID will be held Sept 27. Bishop Zinkula is able to preside. The First Communion sacrament for students from last Spring has not been determined.

Kelley requested input from the council on collecting religious education fees. Marcia motioned that no religious ed fees be collected this year, seconded by Tim Lohmann and it was agreed 100%.

**Nourish Program:** Father is wanting this program to move forward as it is needed. This is a support group for individuals/families that are caregivers. If necessary, Zoom can be used. A few more leaders are needed.

**Building & Grounds:** Concrete work is scheduled for August. Regarding the roof, we still need a contract from the contractor for submission to the diocese and Father is awaiting the contract.

Somewhat related, Doug offered that 11-8-foot round tables and 75 chairs were being sold locally for \$500. They could be used for replacement chairs at O.T. and some of the metal chairs used for Fall Festival. The council agreed to moving forward on making the purchase.

Kitchen remodeling expenses to date are \$31,888.59. Painting is secured but not completed and an electrical bill has not been received. Regardless, costs will be under the cap of \$35,000, initially approved by finance council. Parish council appreciates the effort of those initiating and seeing this project to completion. Thank you.

**Mass Attendance:** Now masses are celebrated on weekends, with 5:30 mass livestreamed. Attendance at the Sat eve and 8 AM mass has been approximately 25-30 each and 11AM is larger around 50-60.

#### **New Business:**

Father asked for suggestions on recruiting volunteers for the weekend masses. It was suggested perhaps the existing volunteers could encourage their friends and others to volunteer. Should we be unable to recruit sufficient volunteers three masses would have to be reduced to 2 masses perhaps more.

Two books were presented for giving at Christmas. One was about Mother Theresa which includes 10 pages about her life then daily thoughts on living simply. The other is a book by Matthew Kelly, "I Heard God Laugh" If 250 ordered cost is \$1. Joe Tansey moved and Doug Slobodnik seconded purchasing 250 for Christmas and Father is to pick which book. All agreed by show of right hand.

Closing prayer by Bitrus. Next month's meeting will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> and opening and closing prayer by Susan Smith.