

## Parish Council Meeting

June 23, 2020

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

Opening prayer by Tim Lohmann

Minutes from May meeting were approved as printed.

**Old Threshers:** The Maher's were requesting direction on the parish's participation regarding food preparation and serving for this year's reunion. The Old Thresher's Association had announced the Reunion was still planned. Food preparation and serving would necessarily be drastically altered because of COVID guidelines. No later than July a decision on moving forward would be necessary. Doug Slobodnik suggested parish council meet the third Tuesday in July instead of the 4<sup>th</sup> to allow sufficient time for orders and bids determined. All committee agreed and July 21, 2020 will be the next parish council meeting.

**Pastoral Comments:** Father recognized the many efforts of so many volunteers getting the church ready for Phase 2 implementation and offering mass commencing June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Meetings and groups in the parish are still not authorized. Kelley Tansey prepared a trifold pamphlet and has been mailed to all parish households explaining procedures to be followed for sanitizing and participating in Mass. Kelley was complimented acknowledged as the directions were straightforward.

### **Old Business:**

The Nourish and Alice training still on hold, program has not started.

Father reported receiving some written thank you from senior graduates for the parish gift of \$250.

Parish Council elections will be held several months after weekend Masses are in place.

### **New Business:**

#### Telephone Ministry

Mary Ann reported she and Becky Keeley prepared a suggested introductory script, log sheet, and manual. Fourteen ministers recruited to make calls and a ZOOM meeting held with prospective telephone ministers. Initially 34 parishioners who may appreciate being contacted were selected. These parishioners received a postcard notifying them they would be contacted after June 17<sup>th</sup>. In addition, the homebound ministry team will be asked to make contact those in facilities.

#### Building and Grounds

Barton will do the sidewalk improvements at the Northwest Handicap parking area and leveling areas of sidewalk which could cause tripping and the South sidewalk where it intersects with the sidewalk that leads to the backdoor of the rectory due to the dropping of one section of the sidewalk at the intersection that is about 2 inches which makes a trip hazard.

Sparrow Buildings of Winfield was selected by this committee for the church facility roof project. Finance Council approved financing any of the 3 options approved by parish council. Sparrow was clear that the roof would not be done until 2021 but he would store the materials for roofing until the project could be done to avoid probable 10% price increases this August. The bids by Sparrow ranged from Option B \$55,000 for Asphalt shingles excluding gathering space, or Option A metal shingles \$81,000 excluding gathering space, or Option C metal shingles \$106,000 for Church, gathering space and drive up. Motion made by Kentner to select Option C, seconded by Messer all approved affirmative. All options include labor, removal, and disposal.

Profit and Loss report through May 2020 reviewed and reflects favorably income versus expenses to date.

#### Blood Drive

Mississippi Blood Drive will be held July 3<sup>rd</sup> in Manning. This organization will handle the day including sanitization.

**Addendum: Midwest Old Thresher's Board canceled the 2020 Reunion Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. However, the July meeting will remain as discussed at the meeting for July 21<sup>st</sup>, unless advised otherwise.**

Respectfully submitted,

MaryAnn Messer