

Parish Council Meeting ~ May 26, 2020

The Parish Council met at 6 PM utilizing Zoom. Those participating were Fr. Connolly, Ben Bly, Barb Brown, Bob Cardoni, Ron Clouse, Jake Fry, Bitrus Gwamna, Stan Holtkamp, Marcia Kentner, Tim Lohmann, Mary Ann Messer, Dr. Kent Metcalf, Doug Slobodnik, Susan Smith, Dr. Joe Tansey, Kelley Tansey

Opening prayer by Tim Lohmann

Minutes from the April meeting were approved as printed.

Pastoral Comments: Father recognized the many efforts of so many volunteers throughout the Covid19. Bishop Zinkula had a virtual conference with the priests of the diocese on Friday, May 22nd. The church is now open for private prayer with no more than 10 people at a time from 8:15-11AM and again at 12:45-3:45. Masks must be worn. Parishioners will place a paper where sitting to identify where sanitizing is needed upon the parishioner leaving. Doctor Joe Tansey and Doctor Kent Metcalf have been working with parish staff so when restrictions are eased an appropriate plan will be ready for allowing safe implementation. Thank you, Doctors!

New Business:

The Nourish program has not yet started.

Mary Ann has started contacting parishioners regarding a phone tree for reaching parishioners and hopes to have more progress by June.

Parish Council wished to recognize the 13 High School Seniors from St. Alphonsus. Suggestions had been submitted prior to the meeting and members discussed many avenues. Jacob Fry, student parish council representative offered that plans to do something later in the summer would be nice but felt graduating Seniors would be ready to look toward their future so recognition now would be preferable. Historically, a Senior mass and brunch has been planned for graduates and families but is not possible this year. Doug Slobodnik moved the parish send each Senior graduate a congratulatory letter with a \$250 check enclosed to use toward their future pursuits. This was seconded by Ron Clouse and unanimously approved. Seniors sharing their plans in the upcoming year is welcomed and will be shared with the parish should they do so. Father told the council the blood bank inquired with him if they could have a blood drive July 3rd in Manning. HCHC originally was the location but are not able. Father received permission from the diocese. Mary Ann moved St. Alphonsus provide this service July 3rd and Joe Tansey seconded, passed unanimously.

Building & Grounds:

Richard Mertens of Mt. Pleasant is consulting for Building and Grounds regarding roof replacement and upon receiving his recommendations, a decision on roof replacement and/or repairs will be made.

Replacement of the concrete at the Northwest handicap entrance is awaiting a bid as clarification on specs for this work was requested for a contractor.

Tim Lohmann finished meeting with a prayer.

Mary Ann Messer will have both opening and closing prayers for the June meeting which will be held in the library on June 23rd. The meeting will be also be held on ZOOM as well for those wishing to remain distanced/isolated due to COVID.

Respectfully submitted,
MaryAnn Messer