

**Parish Council Meeting
September 22, 2020**

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

Opening prayer by Mary Ann Messer

Minutes from the August meeting was approved as printed.

Pastoral Comments: Father thanked parishioners volunteering in varying capacities at masses. There is a need for more ushers signing up however parishioners have filled in when at mass to cover. Attendance at weekend masses has been steady but has not expanded to the gathering space.

Father is training parishioners (spouses) to be Eucharistic ministers this week for those wishing to take Eucharist to their homebound spouse.

Elisa Lopez of our parish has organized publicly praying the rosary, which will be Saturday, October 10th, at noon at the parking area of Mt. Pleasant Tire. Parking can be accommodated at the E3 center. Bitrus will arrange with KILJ and Theresa Rose an interview to explain the event. Our Lady of Fatima in 1917 requested praying the rosary for peace. More publicity forthcoming.

Old Business:

Due to COVID the Nourish program is still in progress with a meeting October 7th. The Christmas books for the parish are ordered. The stewardship books and accompanying letter are ready to be mailed to parish households.

Social Action:

October 3rd Social Action and Faith Formation will have flags and banners on the corner of Webster and Jackson to the east of Manning Hall. A rosary will be led for respect life.

Budget:

The budget was reviewed and continues to stay steady with envelopes but the general offertory is down because of less attendance at weekend masses. Related to budget, Internet is much improved through Mediacom. Dr Tansey suggested investigating using Mediacom for telephones.

Faith Formation:

Kelley reported Bishop Zinkula would come to confirm last Springs class Sunday September 27th 3 PM. K-8 has 28 students registered. High school has eight students enrolled.

New Business:

Marcia had been contacted by Terry McWilliams regarding the annual fee by Old Threshers to the cemetery committee for use for campers. McWilliams was requesting this fee be lifted this year as Old Threshers was canceled. Moved and seconded to forgo this fee and full agreement of members present. Joe Tansey motioned the parish make a contribution to Old Threshers. Doug Slobodnik suggested \$5000 be considered with second by Tansey. Further discussion of this motion by Messer stating this would be a Finance council decision. The motion was amended to be recommendation of Parish Council to donate \$5000 to Old Threshers upon approval of Finance Council.

President Cardoni asked if any member of the council would volunteer to be Treasurer of the Cemetery Committee. As no member volunteered, he then asked Barb Brown, Office Manager, if she could take responsibility of this account. Barb willingly agreed.

Parish Council elections are not scheduled.

Meeting closed in prayer.

Next Parish Council meeting scheduled for October 27th. Ben Bly will do opening and closing prayers.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Messer