

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Parish Council Meeting

July 19, 2021

6:00 PM

Rectory

Minutes

Present: Pastor Ryan Harpole, Deacon Larry Conrad, Melissa Baysinger, Chris Desmarais, Chris Durbin, Rodney Schwartz, Claudia Valladares and Ben Warrell

Absent: Francisco Flores and Sojo Ngoy

Father Ryan opened the meeting with a prayer.

Parish Finances

Council members received the financial report for review prior to the meeting. Finance Council will meet next week.

Renew Work

Concrete work at the front entrance to the church is near completion.

Tile flooring installation of the white tile will begin the first week in August.

The new pews arrive August 16.

The HVAC system controls and valve need to be replaced at a cost of \$20,000. These parts will be installed in two weeks.

Liturgy

Melissa Baysinger and Fr. Corey are planning the Dedication Ceremony to be held August 21.

Invitees to the event will include the Priests of the Diocese, Parish staff, Parish and Finance Council members and some of the contractors who provided services for the renovation.

The Feast of the Assumption falls on a Sunday this year.

Parish Life

The Bowling Green Catholic group is going well. They meet every Tuesday and are planning to attend a Hot Rod game as a group on August 10.

The over 50s potluck was well attended. An under 50s potluck will take place July 28.

A new Womens Group is forming starting August 5. 10-12 participants have signed up.

The Stained Glass Series will resume in October.

After much discussion, the group decided to hold a Fall parish picnic, RenewFest, on October 24 at 4PM. The event will include music, bouncy houses, chili and desserts.

Other Business

Ben Warrell reported that it has been a successful summer at the camp. 300 young people took part in various events. Summer camp ends July 28. The closing of Mount St. Joseph Conference and Retreat Center resulted in increased interest in utilization of Gasper River Camp. He told the group about a 2019 camper who was not Catholic who later inspired her family to enter the church. Mike Murphy's firm will build a new entrance to the camp with a two-lane paved road and bridge at a cost of about \$800,000, well under expected cost.

Rodney Schwartz announced registration for next year is over 330 students. There is a waiting list for the pre-school class. He also shared an anecdote regarding a student who influenced her family to join the church.

Miscellaneous

The rental house is now vacant. Utilities will be unhooked and demolition should take place in August.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM with a closing prayer by the group.

Next Parish Council meeting will be August 16, 2021 at 6:00 PM.