

**St. Joseph Catholic Church
Parish Council Meeting**

August 25, 2020

6:00 PM

Youth Room

DeVries House

Minutes

Present: Pastor Ryan Harpole, Parochial Vicar Basilio Az Cuc, Deacon Larry Conrad, Melissa Baysinger, Chris Desmarais, Chris Durbin, Claudia Villadares, Rodney Schwartz and Ben Warrell

Absent: Sojo Ngoy, Francisco Flores

Father Ryan opened the meeting with a prayer.

Parish Finances

The Financial report was reviewed. It was noted that although income has declined, expenses have as well. Fr. Ryan stated the Finance Council met last night. He noted that three current members have a financial background. Jane Browning's hard drive crashed recently. She is hopeful it can be repaired and the financial data can be restored.

Renew

All the flooring in the church has been removed. A structural engineer and a mechanical engineer examined the area under the church that is now exposed. The duct work looks good and the ground is dry. After the area is cleaned up the joists will be repaired and the plywood floor can be installed. The mechanical engineer made several recommendations, but they were deemed too expensive and unnecessary. There was a drain backup which caused a problem in the bathrooms. This has been addressed. The exterior brick work is still underway.

The work in the parish hall is complete. Masses are being held in the hall. The return to the church could take place in late September or early October. Conrad Schmitt will begin work on the church interior in January 2021. During the month of December the required scaffolding will be installed. The group discussed the value of installing the pews for just six weeks and then having them removed.

Liturgy

Mass attendance at the English masses continues to be lower than the currently allowed capacity. The Hispanic mass is better attended.

Other Business

Ben Warrell reported the timber harvest will begin in the next two weeks. He said many groups have cancelled for the fall retreat season. He asked for our prayers.

Rodney Schwartz stated the school year has begun with an enrollment of 294. Safety procedures have been implemented for lunch, recess, hallway passing, etc. Fall sports will start soon. He reported the first two days of attendance have been great.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM with a closing prayer by the group.

Next Parish Council meeting will be September 29 at 6:00 PM