

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

October 27, 2020

6:00 PM

Youth Room

DeVries House

Minutes

Present: Pastor Ryan Harpole, Deacon Larry Conrad, Seminarian Chris Kight, Melissa Baysinger, Chris Desmarais, Chris Durbin, Sojo Ngoy, Claudia Villadares and Rodney Schwartz

Absent: Francisco Flores and Ben Warrell

Father Ryan opened the meeting with a prayer.

Parish Finances

The Financial Report for September was reviewed. The Finance Council meets tomorrow.

Fr. Ryan announced the annual Disciples Response Fund appeal took place at the masses the weekend of October 17-18.

He also reported that letters regarding the Renew campaign are being prepared. There will be several versions of the letters based on: those who are on track with their pledged amount, those who pledged but have not donated, those who pledged a onetime amount and those who have not pledged or donated to the campaign. The letters are sensitive to the financial difficulties some have encountered due to the pandemic but will also emphasize the tax advantage of the CARES act.

Renew

The brick work on the exterior of the church should be completed in the next three weeks. The work on the roof is also near completion. The scaffolding will be installed in early December and Conrad Schmidt will begin their portion of work on the interior on January 4, 2021.

A polyurethane topcoat was applied to the floor in the Parish Hall. Deacon Larry reported the work was not satisfactory since there were obvious roller marks. He will follow up with the company responsible.

Porcelain is now being considered for the flooring in the sanctuary and perhaps the main aisle instead of marble. This is based on durability, easier upkeep and pricing. The group reviewed various color options.

The old pews have been moved to storage. No decision has been made to use them or purchase new pews.

Work on the church windows will begin in January. The plexiglass will be removed to repair and clean the windows and a glass product will be installed on the exterior.

Liturgy

The Diocese provided guidelines for the liturgy for the holidays. Fr. Ryan stated it will not be feasible to implement some of the guidelines in our parish. Discussion centered on various configurations for Christmas masses as well as those for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Holy Hours with Adoration will take place the first Sunday of the month starting in November and every Sunday during Advent. Chris Kight will offer a brief reflection at each service.

Parish Life

A Christmas Party will be held in the parish hall for members of both Councils and parish staff on December 28.

Several Evangelization Groups are active or in development. Leading the existing groups are Father Ryan, Chris Kight and Deacon Larry. Mary Beth Conrad will host a singles group on November 6. Leonard Walther is exploring the formation of a Knights of Columbus men's group.

Other Business

Rodney Schwartz reported that the school is looking to amplify their marketing efforts to increase enrollment. Soft Ball will be added to the sports offered starting in the Spring. Grandparents Day at the school was celebrated with a parade. 116 cars participated. The Halloween Talent Show will be live streamed and the Christmas Program will be virtual.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM with a closing prayer by the group.

Next Parish Council meeting will be November 24 at 6:00 PM