

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

March 23, 2021

6:00 PM

Rectory

Minutes

Present: Pastor Ryan Harpole, Melissa Baysinger, Chris Desmarais, Chris Durbin, Sojo Ngoy, Rodney Schwartz, Ben Warrell and Claudia Valladares

Absent: Francisco Flores

Father Ryan opened the meeting with a prayer.

Parish Finances

The Financial Report was reviewed. The Finance Council will meet next week.

The Parish received \$68,000 from the Payroll Protection Program which is the same amount received last year.

A local cleaning service will be asked to provide a quote for cleaning the church. They currently provide cleaning at Holy Spirit.

Renew Work

There has been a delay in building the closet in the Sacristy because of water damage to the interior wall. A vapor barrier will be installed along with spray foam and the wall will be replastered.

The work of Conrad Schmidt staff on the church interior is on target and is estimated to be completed in May.

A new comprehensive Lighting Package was approved including ceiling lights and up lights on the Stations of the Cross, altar and mural at a cost of \$80,000-100,000. This may cause a delay since it may take up to two months to receive and install the lighting and will necessitate leaving the scaffolding in place longer than originally planned.

Bids for the new floor are being reviewed. While the floors are going in work on the front of the church and steps will be completed.

Bishop Medley is scheduled to visit to bless the new altar on August 24, so everything should be completed by then.

Bayne Million and EOA continue to work on the application for Historical Tax Credits for the Renew Project.

Liturgy

In keeping with current Covid-19 restrictions, new guidelines for Holy Week have been established. Changes include prohibiting washing of feet on Holy Thursday, no outside fire, distributing palms at the end of each Mass and altering the use of water in Baptism.

First Communion will take place on two Saturdays in April and Confirmation on two Saturdays in June.

Parish Life

The final Lenten Reflections will be on March 24. Chris Kight was commended for his work leading the reflections.

The "Holy Cow" raffle for a steer will take place on April 25, along with a Tamale sale by the Hispanic group.

The group discussed various forms of Going Away Celebrations for Fr. Basilio and Chris Kight. It was decided to have two separate events at the end of Mass near the time they leave.

Other Business

Ben Warrell reported 150 campers have signed up for the summer program and staff have been hired. He is awaiting word from the Diocese on when they will be allowed to proceed.

Rodney Schwartz announced registration for next year is up to 250 students thus far. An Open House will be held April 18 from 8:30-1:30. Instead of the usual Spring trip to Washington, DC, the 8th Grade class will visit the Cincinnati area in late April. The archery program will start in April. Fr. Ryan will coach the older students.

Melissa Baysinger stated James Kenney from WKU took still shots of the Renew renovation progress. Digital files of his images will be used for social media and archival purposes. Some St. Joseph photos were provided to the Diocese for a video which will be posted on their social media and website.

Miscellaneous

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Clean Up Day on May 1 after the 8:30 AM Mass. It will involve general cleanup of the grounds of the campus and planting flowers.

Fr. Ryan stated the Church is recommending all Catholics take the Covid vaccine. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are preferable, however if only the J&J vaccine is available it is also permissible.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM with a closing prayer by the group.

Next Parish Council meeting will be April 27, 2021 at 6:00 PM