

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Parish Council Meeting

April 27, 2021

6:00 PM

Rectory

Minutes

Present: Pastor Ryan Harpole, Parochial Vicar Basilio Az Cuc, Deacon Larry Conrad, 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 most recent Financial Report was reviewed. Finance Council met last week resulting in several questions which have been addressed. It was noted we will begin borrowing from the diocese for the Renew Project in May or June.

Renew Work

The work of Conrad Schmidt staff on the church interior is on target and will be completed in the next few weeks.

The glass outer covering for the stained-glass windows is being installed. The new type of product allows the windows to be seen from outside and prevents the buildup of heat which previously caused damage. The stained-glass windows will also be repaired.

Some parts of the lighting package have arrived, but there is no confirmed due date for other components. Fr. Ryan asked that everyone pray to St. Joseph that the additional lights arrive soon since the delay would necessitate leaving the scaffolding in place longer than originally planned. Electricians will begin installing wiring for the lighting next week.

The moisture problem in the Sacristy has been resolved and work will begin on the new closet.

Work on the steps and front of the church will take place later in the project.

The old wooden handicapped ramp has been removed and a concrete ramp will be installed.

The first of three stages for the Historical Tax Credit application is complete.

Quarterly Renew update letters will go out to parishioners in June.

Liturgy

The ordination of Deacon Corey Brun will be held on May 22. Attendance is limited due to Covid restrictions, but Fr. Ryan and Fr. Basilio will attend.

New guidelines from the Diocese will allow gatherings outside with no mask required and now encourage singing at Mass.

Parish Life

The "Holy Cow" raffle for a steer with a Tamale sale by the Hispanic group which took place April 25 was successful.

A Going Away Celebration for Fr. Basilio will be held the first weekend in June following the Masses.

Deacon Corey Brun will serve as the next Parochial Vicar following his ordination. He will arrive in early June.

Chris Kight will stay with us for the summer since his other assignments were cancelled.

The group discussed options for additional weekend Masses or other changes to the existing schedule. Fr. Ryan will explore this further.

Other Business

Ben Warrell reported new guidelines from the Diocese that will allow the day camp to resume normal operations on May 27, 2021. 200 campers have signed up for the summer program. The High School camp now has a waiting list.

Rodney Schwartz announced registration for next year is up to 306 students. The fourth annual Graduation Walk will be held on May 20. Work will begin to build a new STEM Lab on June 1. Art and Music classes will be offered full time next year. A grant was received from the memorial fund of a deceased former alumnus. The money will be used to create an outdoor classroom.

Miscellaneous

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

Adjournment

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

Next Parish Council meeting will be May 25, 2021 at 6:00 PM