

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Parish Council Meeting

September 28, 2021

6:00 PM

Rectory

Minutes

Present: Pastor Ryan Harpole, Deacon Larry Conrad, Chris Desmarais, Francisco Flores, Claudia Valladares and Ben Warrell

Absent: Melissa Baysinger, Chris Durbin, Sojo Ngoy and Rodney Schwartz

Father Ryan opened the meeting with a prayer.

Parish Finances

The Financial Report for August was provided to Council members prior to the meeting. Finance Council will meet tomorrow night.

The annual Disciples Response Fund appeal is underway. Information will be distributed to parishioners at weekend Masses.

The Historical Tax Credit was received. The amount was smaller than originally anticipated. We will most likely need to borrow \$700-900,000 from the Diocese for the Renew project.

Renew Work

The new pews have been installed. The kneelers will be installed later. There are three of the old pews still available for sale. (Two 15-foot pews and one 17-foot pew)

Moisture has been detected at the base of the two pillars at the rear of the church. It is hoped they will dry out when the heating system is activated.

The floor grates are being painted and other minor items are being addressed.

Liturgy

A Mass for the Candidacy of Chris Kight and Conrad Jaconette will take place October 24 at 10AM. Bishop Medley will preside.

The Marian Congress will be held on October 17.

Parish Life

The BG Catholic group has sponsored several successful events. Thirty people attended a recent event at Spencer's Coffee House. The group will hold a Retreat at Gasper River on October 1 and 2. Twenty participants have already registered.

The Stained Glass Series will kick off on October 10.

Since there are continuing Covid related restrictions, the group agreed a large tent should be utilized for the Renew Fest on October 24. The event will include inflatables, snow cones, music and chili.

About 20 individuals are currently participating in RCIA.

Fr. Ryan announced he is taking the staff to the Passionists Nuns Monastery for a Prayer Day. Following Mass here, they will travel to Whitesville for a presentation, lunch and prayers with sisters.

The Hispanic Congress was held the past weekend with a large crowd in attendance.

Other Business

Ben Warrell stated Gasper River is very busy. The Christmas/New Year Camp will open for enrollment on October 1. There have been 60-80 campers at the event in the past.

Fr. Ryan reported enrollment at the school is strong. The annual Spaghetti Supper was very successful and brought in more money than previous events. Mrs. Crabtree, the Social Studies teacher, will be leaving. A temporary replacement has been arranged.

Music

Fr. Corey has been working with both choirs. He provided music at a recent funeral.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM with a closing prayer by the group.

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