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### **Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday, May 5, 2020**

Present: John Carney, Amy Moore, Fr. Mike Anderson, Keith Sjostrom, Kelly Summerville, Don Hohn, Cheri Brausen, Joshua Bohl, Sheila Bianconi, George Burr, Paul Siler

Absent: Bob McMullan, Ron Peterson

1. The Meeting was called to order at 7pm utilizing Zoom Conference media.
2. The March minutes were approved.
3. Plans for Future Gatherings:
  - a. Next meeting for Parish Pastoral Council is scheduled for June 2.
  - b. Archbishop Hebda COVID Directives
    - i. Phase 2 is planned for May 18 to include Church Gathering/ Mass with safety restrictions, process allows for a slow rebuild and reopening.
    - ii. Sunday Obligation Dispensation remains in effect.
    - iii. Church may utilize 1/3 seating with social distancing, masks, and sanitation procedures.
    - iv. Mass will continue to be recorded and posted on Sunday
    - v. Ordination of Deacons and Priests will take place with limited audience.
    - vi. Recommended persons 65 and over/ vulnerable adults/ illness remain home from Mass gatherings.
    - vii. Fr. Mike will continue to have staff discussions regarding best practice for our congregation and implement appropriate measures as needed.
    - viii. Communication with congregation about mass times and communion distribution will occur utilizing web site and emailing to parishioners.
    - ix. Fr Ken and Deacon Tom have indicated they will continue to say mass.
    - x. Current funerals and weddings are limited to 10 people/ small groups.
4. Financial Update:
  - i. Weekly update: Behind Budget – March 21%, Easter 23%, April 8%
  - ii. Expenses in April will be down- lowering the amount of budget deficit.
  - iii. PPE Loan has been applied for and approved.
    1. Account was opened and paperwork signed.
    2. Payroll protection - \$155,000.
    3. Churches that comply with requirements can be given loan forgiveness.
  - iv. Archdiocese:
    1. Have offered a significant reduction in Insurance and the Annual Assessment. Payment can be delayed if needed.
    2. Approximately \$15,000-\$16,000 relief.

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- v. St Joseph Church:
    - 1. Has cash reserves available.
  - vi. Projections:
    - 1. The Fiscal year ending June 2020 - anticipate breaking even.
  - vii. Online Giving:
    - 1. Enrollment in Online Giving has increased significantly.
  - viii. Budget 2020-2021
    - 1. Budget will be similar to present year
    - 2. Finance Council will review
    - 3. Some unknowns exist with sources of income from anticipated events.
5. Festival Update:
- a. Committee is discussing potential contingency plans.
  - b. Grand Raffle is largest money maker for festival
    - i. Tickets could be mailed out
    - ii. Review what is possible in leu of COVID and safety mandates
    - iii. An online silent auction would be possible
  - c. Committee will be meeting next week
  - d. Band: A band has been hired and ½ payment was made.
  - e. Tent: Partial down payment for tent rental has been made.
  - f. Expenses: Major sources of income
    - i. Grand Raffle
    - ii. Silent Auctions
    - iii. Tent and Band
  - g. Liability: Concerns for safety and social distancing guidelines mandated by the State and Archbishop Hebda were discussed.
  - h. Committee: has been utilizing Zoom conference meeting and will be deciding whether to hold the festival or not at a future date.
  - i. Budget: Approximately \$80,000 is raised from the annual festival event
6. Faith Formation Update:
- a. The Faith Formation Commission and Staff compiled a comprehensive Faith Formation Program offered by St. Joseph church. Comprises of programing from Baptism through Adult.
  - b. Registration for Faith Formation:
    - i. New way to register using Google forms
    - ii. The online program is more user friendly for staff and families
    - iii. The system is being tested and staff are working with Anne S, IT

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- c. Proposal for Wednesday Night Faith Formation
  - i. Eliminate Monday night FF classes
  - ii. Enrollment has been steady – approximately 300 children (1-6 grade)
  - iii. Goal – is to bring together all classes and provide a more positive experience for all participants together.
  - iv. More cost effective, utilizes staff and teacher volunteers more effectively
  - v. Shared spaces and ministries.
  - vi. Wednesday nights appear to be more open throughout school activities.
  - vii. Joe's diner will be well attended
  
- 7. Visioning Work:
  - a. Visioning process currently on hold and will pick up the focus in September.
  - b. Currently many unknowns
  - c. The focus of the community and parishioners in on the immediate future rather than long term during the COVID Pandemic.
  - d. Recording Masses will continue and be available on Sunday mornings.
  
- 8. Other Business:
  - a. Volunteer Appreciation Event is on hold, date to be determined.
  - b. Thank you to Fr. Mike and Fr Ken, the staff and parishioners working hard to offer recorded mass, keeping the church business running, sanitation efforts and availability of the Historic church for adoration, and so many other gifts.
  - c. Amy will review Parish Pastoral Council terms of service for members.
  
- 9. Next meeting:
  - a. Tuesday, June 2 at 7pm. (either by Zoom conferencing or safe social distancing)
  - b. Location – to be determined.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joshua Bohl, Secretary

LeAnn Zogg, Trustee/ Scribe