

Parish Council Minutes: 8/10/21

Present: Fr. Maus, Fr Degele, Ellen Sipma, Marian Himmerick, Kathie Lach, Eric Schaeffer, Nathan Schneider, Deacon Mohn, and Deacon Steve Streitz.

Absent: Mary Geyer, McKenna Beeter, and Michaela Woiwode.

Opening prayer was led by Steve.

Minutes were reviewed and approved.:

Steve shared with us the Buildings & Grounds Committee minutes regarding future projects. There was discussion. No decision has been made if and when these projects might be done. Fr Maus did share with us his thoughts on finding a permanent place for the tabernacle in the sanctuary of the church and moving the altar into the center of the sanctuary. The Buildings & Grounds Committee will be meeting in September to further discuss these projects.

We have a 5:30 pm Sunday Mass. Attendance has been between 100-150 people. Some are parishioners; others are from outside our parish. It was mentioned that we need to get this Mass on our app and also advertise it on MSU. Good comments from people who appreciate this Mass being available. Fr Degele is leading two Spanish Masses each month. This has been very much appreciated. Fr Maus asked about Mass times on Holydays. He will continue a vigil Mass but check with other parishes to try to have a time different from other parishes when possible for people to attend in our city. He will also continue with a 9 am Mass on the Holyday.

Fr Maus showed us another version of the bulletin cover that we could go to since it is not any more expensive now to use color. Everyone liked the new version.

There are several positions to fill on our parish council this fall:

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| 1. Michaela Woiwode | 2 years to 2023 |
| 2. Chris Baker | 3 years to 2024 |
| 3. Kathie Lach | 3 years to 2024 |
| 4. Marian Himmerick | 3 years to 2024 |

Fr Maus' installation as our pastor will be this Sunday, Aug 15, during the 10:30 am Mass with a potluck dinner to follow. This is in place of our parish picnic. All parish council members and finance council members are asked to be there if possible.

Fr Maus mentioned that our parish now has an online subscription to "Formed" that all parishioners can use. Further information will be given to parishioners. Ellen mentioned she has another site "Chosen" that she has found to be very good.

Council members appreciated Fr Maus contacting them by text for our meeting.

Our next meeting will be Sept 14. Fr Maus led us in prayer. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Deacon Steve