

St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish, Milwaukee
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 22, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.
Via Zoom teleconference

Attendees: John Buckley, Joe Carey, Anisha D’Silva, Judy Dollhausen, Nicole Hartley, Carol Hasenyager, Fr. Joe Jagodensky, Jeff Jaroczynski, Nick Kwaw, Pat Lehman, Patrick O’Neil, Bill Protz, Gary Springman

Absent: Kathy Lucas, Tom Schmirler

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. **Opening Prayer:** Bill Protz

2. **Parish Administrator’s Report**

Three evergreen trees have been removed on the north side of the church, while two trees around the Jesus statute have been cut down.

The school boiler is presently being disassembled.

Joe Carey is stepping down as lead usher, with Bill Bergeron to replace him. Fr. Joe thanked Joe Carey for his years of service in that capacity.

Regarding the Covid recovery matrix, the north side of the church has no seating or masking restrictions, while the south side still requires mask wearing and social distancing. We will be able to resume the passing of the offertory baskets after July 1. This highlights the need for more ushers. More volunteers are needed for other ministries as well, including lectors, servers and Eucharistic ministers.

Jeff Jaroczynski is beginning his term as Parish Trustee. Pat Lehman is stepping down. Fr. Joe thanked Pat for her four years of service as Trustee.

The parish has hired an administrative assistant, beginning in two to three weeks, 28 hours per week. She has a degree in graphic design and comes to us from Good Shephard Parish. Fr. Joe thanked Barb Holt, Judy Dollhausen and Debbie Korpela for their administrative help in the parish office during the search.

Fr. Joe suggested having someone archive the parish’s Covid year, chronicling for the future how we met the pandemic challenge.

We have not heard back from Metro Sound regarding the wide screen TV for the Granville Room.

Fr. Joe believes that the Parish Council and Finance Council should both continue to meet monthly, excluding July and December.

The council agreed that a Parish Picnic should occur later this summer, specifically on a Sunday in August following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. As in past years, it will be a pot luck event, with the parish providing the meat. The council discussed having the picnic under a tent to the east of the school, rather than in the school gym. John moved, with a second by Pat, to form an ad hoc picnic committee. Motion unanimously carried.

3. Approve May 25, 2021 Minutes

On Nicole's motion and Judy's second, the council unanimously approved the May minutes.

4. Comments From Parishioners Who Are Present

No parishioners were present.

5. Council Standing Committee Reports

The attached Summary of Parish Committee Activity—June 2021 was emailed to council members prior to the meeting. Bill invited any questions or comments.

Human Concerns: No questions or comments.

Prayer and Worship: There is no chair of this committee at present.

Stewardship: This committee needs a chair as well

Tri-Parish Christian Formation: Judy added that the Tri-parish human concerns group will soon visit the ecology center in Waukesha, considering this site for retreats.

6. Finance Council Report

The Finance Council has not met since the last Parish Council Meeting.

7. Parish Membership

A number of people have volunteered to help at the Brown Deer Fourth of July corn roast. Additional help would be appreciated. We will put up St. Catherine yard signs, of which we still have plenty, at the corn roast. Bill will look into getting nametags for the volunteers identifying them with St. Catherine. Also, Fr. Joe will work to get some cards/brochures to distribute with the parish's address, phone number and Mass times, including a QR code allowing people to load this information onto their smart phones.

8. Installation of New At Large and Trustee Members, and Discernment of New Officers

Following a prayer by Fr. Joe, Kathy and Gary were installed as at large members and Jeff installed as trustee and council member. Outgoing members Pat, Nicole and Patrick were thanked for their service.

The nomination and election of parish council officers for the 2021-22 term then proceeded. Fr. Joe nominated Bill to continue as council chair, with Carol seconding. Bill accepted the nomination. No other nominations were received. John, with a second by Joe Carey, moved to close nominations. The full council re-elected Bill as chair by unanimous vote.

Judy nominated John as council vice chair. John accepted. No other nominations were received. Gary moved, with a second by Anisha, to close nominations. The full council elected John as vice chair by unanimous vote.

Anisha nominated Nick as council secretary. Nick declined. No other nominations were received. Discussion then ensued as to whether one person needed to serve as secretary, or whether the secretary's duties, including compiling and disseminating the meeting minutes and summaries of parish committee reports, could be rotated to a different council member each month. Jeff noted that the Finance Council rotates responsibility for meeting minutes monthly. This discussion was tabled pending the receipt of additional nominations for secretary.

Bill indicated that he would email 2021-22 council members regarding liaison assignments to parish standing committees.

9. What Are You Hearing?

The presence of an Automated External Defibrillator ("AED") machine on parish grounds is acceptable to Catholic Mutual. We will need to have people trained on how to use the device. Training may be included in the cost of the device itself; otherwise, the fire department may be able to provide training. We will consult with Catholic Mutual about potential liability for use of the machine.

10. Closed Session

The council went into closed session from 7:40 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

11. Next Meeting: August 24, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

12. Closing Prayer: Bill Protz

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Patrick O'Neil

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SUMMARY OF PARISH COMMITTEE ACTIVITY—JUNE 2021

Nicole Hartley reports that the **Human Concerns Committee** has not met since the last Parish Council meeting. The next meeting is July 12.

Judy Dollhausen reports that the **Tri-parish Christian Formation Committee** has not met since the last Parish Council meeting.

John Buckley reports that the **Communications/Marketing Committee** has not met since the last Parish Council meeting.

Bill Protz reports that the **Stewardship Committee** has paused the Time and Talent mailing until possibly September 2021. The committee needs a chairperson. The next meeting has not been scheduled.

Patrick O'Neil reports that the **Finance Council** has not met since the last Parish Council meeting.