

Parish Council 4/16/2020

Present: Jim Sullivan, Dave Pfarr, Jeff Schultz, Pam Williams, Terry Genelin, Fr Chris Shofner

Prayer, Fr Shofner

Approved minutes from March Meeting. Terry Genelin made the motion to accept, Jeff Schultz made the second.

Fr Shofner updated council on the recording and broadcast of mass. 4000 viewed the Easter mass. Less viewership of the you tube channel. Questioned the use of Flocknotes and the St Annes website. Still alot of people calling the parish office for information and bulletins.

Update from Fr Shofner on Divine Mercy Sunday. Check website for mass and worship opportunities.

School is going well from reports from Principal Ann Lewis. Teachers are instructing and making themselves available.

Postponed First Communion which was to be this Sunday. RCIA candidates have not gone through the services and delayed. Due to delays looking ahead to this summer. Could be very busy if the shelter in place order is lifted. Church will be busy.

Megan Roby put out a notice to help and deliver miselettes and hymnals to homes.

Stewardship committee has taken the lead on communicating with the home bound and elderly. Jim responded that he was not in the loop on that information. Terry Genelin and Nancy did get a call at home and it was nice and well received. Fr Shofner most concerned about those living alone prior to this event and increased isolation.

Fr Shofner sent us a copy of the proxy letter he wrote regarding the Paycheck Protection Program through the Cornerstone Bank in Le Sueur and sponsored by the Federal Government. Fr Shofner requested input on substance of the letter and final approval will come through St Annes Finance Council. To pay for wages, benefits, utilities. At least 75% of the loan/grant must be spent on wages. Still figuring out details regarding payback amount. Parishes were encouraged to apply for this loan. The loan application was put together by Fr Shofner and Tess Miller support staff. An expression of thanks to Fr Chris and Tess for their efforts.

Committee for carpet in the Church. Finance council voted to pause the project initially due to the Covid 19 epidemic. With recent developments regarding finances the carpet project is back on track. May be a possibility to accomplish this while the church is unoccupied.

Last agenda item is the Parish Council election. We are not too far off schedule. Concerns about the election and Jim Sullivan is seeking input from the council. Suggesting later this month the bulletin and mass announcements will begin to solicit candidates. Flocknotes and bulletin. Council is in agreement that we will delay the vote for now until we can attend mass. Will update if this restriction on public gathering is extended.

Questions raised regarding timing of carpet installation. Terry Genelin gave on update on the kitchen renovation. Fr Shofner added comments regarding the water heater.

Next parish council meeting May 21, 2020 at St Annes Parish Center if restrictions on meeting publicly have been lifted.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Pam Williams and second by Terry Genelin

Closing prayer by Fr Shofner with an Our Father to close the meeting.