

Parish Council 11-19-2020

Jim Sullivan, Dave Pfarr, Terry Genelin, Jeff Schulz, Joyce Swenson, George Reviere, Fr Chris Shofner

Fr Shofner opens with a prayer. Graciously asking for wisdom and guidance in this trying time with Covid.

George Reviere moved to approve minutes of last meeting with Jeff Schulz second.

Joyce Swenson asked about Sept minutes. Dave Pfarr replied that he has the notes written somewhere and will deliver them to Jim.

Terry Genelin reminded council that at some point he will need to be replaced. He started with the boiler at the school which has some continuing issues. Terry gave a good update on the complexity and ongoing issues with the system. Paape distributing has been the contractor on the school system. Many of the heat system components are old and parts are no longer available. Have scrapped parts from past school repairs and scrapped parts sourced by Paape to make the system work. Very complicated, very old, multiple components that can fail. Will be ongoing. Terry believes it can be handled and is being handled until a major breakdown. At this point Greg Genelin has been coaching our janitor in many of the repairs. We do need to find someone who can head up this project as Greg is retired and is limited in his ability to access all aspects of the system.

Question: Systems (church or school) is having the most issues? The church system is not that old. It has some odd issues related to water level that need to be resolved but not a serious issue. The school is more of a concern.

Dave said he would contact an individual to see if interested in helping or providing advice to situation.

Will need to seek out handy man with management capabilities to replace Terry. Terry would prefer to be a backup.

Jeff Schulz asked about previous maintenance logs. Answer from Fr Shofner mentioned previous maintenance logs not complete.

Question on roof repair from Fr Shofner. Dave Pfarr mentioned he talked to Steve Widmer and it would be done when the snow is off the roof.

Update from Fr Shofner. Keeping an eye on everything related to Covid for the Church and School. The School itself has had a few incidences where students were exposed and then classes were online for two weeks. Three classes have been affected this way. A handful of students have tested positive but not in the context of the school. It has to this point worked very well.

Looking at an adapted schedule for Christmas: Christmas Eve, Christmas morning 8 & 10. Will be a signup to make sure the space is not overcrowded. Jim will work with Flock Notes to try to improve on the signup system.

Usher training is needed to assist in safely seating at Mass. Another area is sanitizing after mass. George Reviere volunteered to head up the effort of firming up the organization of the ushers and protocol.

Group continues to agree on the online meetings until the Covid situation improves. We need to protect Fr since he is our only priest. We need to protect our fellow parishioners. Fr Shofner is ready if needed based on the situation and by direction of the Archdiocese to go back to online mass as a sole means of mass worship. Just flexible at this point. Jim is ready to start instructing others in the operation of livestreaming. Jim will continue to do this as needed. Currently it is a non-moving video with good audio.

Discussion on mask protocol in church. Fr updated on his activities and views regarding keeping all parishioners safe while they worship.

Policies and procedures updated by Jim Sullivan and using google drive as a repository. His intention is to be able to make a seamless transition to changing leadership.

Stewardship Update: Megan Roby is willing to perform a social media role regarding Parish and Stewardship Activities. She is part of the Stewardship group.

Organizing a card sending campaign to elderly parishioners to make sure they feel supported by parish and have the offer of communicating with parish staff and stewardship members.

Other Agenda Items? On to roundtable.

Jim – Nothing additionally, offers floor to others. Fr offers the suggestion to look at the columbaria? at Calvary Cemetery. George Reviere commented on the beautiful cantoring by our young parishioner Hallie Bemmels. Much praise for her talents.

December 17th is the next scheduled meeting of the parish council at 6:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Dave Pfarr, second by Joyce Swenson. Prayer and Our Father by Fr Chris Shofner.