



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Parish Council

January 13, 2021

Members Present: Father Ken Shuping, Jerry Ferguson, Wendy Gilraine (by phone), Jeff Krajnik, Susan Moore, Al Scalera (by phone), Max Stephenson, Robin Underwood, Kerry Verner (by phone), and Paul Wyar.

1. Father opened the meeting with a prayer. Father welcomed the newly elected members to the council – Wendy Gilraine, Jeff Krajnik, and Kerry Verner. Father had copies of the Parish Council By-laws to provide to the newly elected members. He provided a brief overview of the council functions. The council will advise the Pastor, represent the people of the church, help forward issues to the council, create a 5 year vision for the parish, and establish parish goals.
2. As the first act of business in this New Year, the council needed to elect a new Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary. Father discussed the duties of the three positions: the Chair will preside at meetings, coordinate with Father, work towards fulfillment of the parish mission, create agendas and manage meetings. The Vice-Chairperson will assist the Chairperson and perform these same duties in the absence of the Chairperson. The Secretary records the council minutes and publishes to the website and archives for parishioners review. Al Scalera was elected Chairperson, Max Stephenson will be our Vice-Chairperson, and Susan Moore will be Secretary.
3. Paul provided an update on the solar panels for the parking lot. He has received half of the required funds from the Knights of Columbus; this month he expects to receive the remaining funds. Once he had the funds, he will then order. The panel will be placed on a light pole and should provide light for 4-6 hours after dark.
4. The council discussed several upcoming events that will be affected by COVID. The Diocese, Father and the Liturgy Committee are looking at ways to best implement the Blessing of Throats for St Blaise Feast Day and distribution of ashes for Ash Wednesday.
5. The parish still plans to upgrade the camera system; we continue to use phones, and in some cases, private phones, to livestream Masses. The plan remains to install permanent cameras to livestream the Masses even after COVID as we will always have homebound parishioners who are unable to make it to Mass. We can take donations for the system, as well as e-giving online donations.
6. The Spanish Mass continues on Sundays at 1:00 pm and has about as many people as the weekend Vigil Mass. Father has received inquiries from the attendees about registering in our parish and placing their children in our religious education program.
7. Father broached the subject of changing our meeting from Wednesday nights due to the tight schedule between Mass at 6:30, Council meeting at 7:00 and then closing Adoration at 8:00pm. He

mentioned that the Finance and Liturgy Committees meet on Monday and wondered if we could change to a Monday. However, our members had conflicts on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Mondays of the month. In similar fashion Tuesday, Thursday and Friday were also ruled out. So, Parish Council will continue to meet on the second Wednesday of the month.

8. The next “meeting” is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 7:00 pm.**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Moore
Secretary