

St. Francis of Assisi Parish/Finance Council Mtg. Minutes
Thursday, August 27, 2020

Present: Veryl Burghardt, Rick Fink, Rollin Fink, Tammy Ingels, Elaine Reicks, Anne Sellers, Elissa Wenthe, Kurt Wood, Fr. Komboh, Maureen Johnson (SJWC Business Manager), Cindy Jacob (Recorder)

Absent: Sue Frey, Bonnie West

I. Opening Prayer: Kurt Wood led the Prayer of St. Francis.

II. Introduction of New Members: Kurt Wood introduced Elissa Wenthe & Rollin Fink to the Council, welcomed them, and thanked them for accepting their position on the Council.

III. Approval of Agenda: Anne Sellers motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Elaine Reicks, motion carried.

IV. Approval of May 28, 2020 Mtg. Minutes: Tammy Ingels motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Veryl Burghardt, motion carried.

V. Election of Parish-Finance Council Officers: Kurt Wood and Rick Fink offered to remain as Chair and Vic-Chair. Elissa Wenthe motioned to suspend nominations, seconded by Elaine Reicks, motion carried.

VI. Cluster Reports:

A. Cluster Pastoral Council: Kurt Wood reporting.

- a. Mass Time Changes set for September 5th & 6th; 2020;
- b. COVID-19 Response – Pastoral Council left it up to the respective parishes and Fr. Komboh;
- c. First Communion took place the weekend of August 8th & 9th;
- d. Confirmation is scheduled for Sunday, September 13th, 2:00 pm at SFA with Archbishop Jackels presiding.

B. Faith Formation Commission: Tammy Ingels reporting.

- a. RE classes are scheduled to start on September 9th;
- b. How to handle COVID-19 with having multiple school districts involved in RE classes;
- c. Due to Pam Rochford stepping down as Cluster Sacramental Coordinator, the Faith Formation Leaders will coordinate one sacrament each. Mary Olson will coordinate First Reconciliation/First Communion, Holly Streeter will coordinate Confirmation, Pam Rochford will coordinate NCYC and Pam Schmitt will coordinate RCIA.

C. Liturgy Committee: Anne Sellers reporting.

- a. First Communion took place at IC, HN & SP on the weekend of August 8th & 9th;
- b. SFA will celebrate in September;
- c. Confirmation is set for Sunday, September 13th, 2:00 pm at SFA;
- d. Rosary Rally will take place at HN on October 10th;
- e. The mission for next year will be hosted by Holy Name.

D. Cluster Social Justice: No meeting was held in July. Elaine Reicks reported that the next meeting is scheduled for September 10th and at that time Christmas activities will be discussed. For SFA specifically, as of July 1st, there was \$3,112.23 in the Poor & Needy Fund. Elaine discussed with the Council some causes that the Parish might consider donating to recommending the Derecho Relief Fund through the Archdiocese with Catholic Charities and the Northeast Iowa Food Bank.

After discussion Rick Fink motioned to donated \$750.00 to each of the charities, Anne Sellers seconded, motion carried.

VII. **Parish Life:** Bonnie West was not in attendance. Fr. Komboh asked if the Parish had any plans for Parish gatherings. Discussed the idea of a Drive-Thru Meal. Kurt Wood will pass on the information to Bonnie West and see if SFA would consider such an activity.

VIII. **Old Business:**

A. Restroom Project Update: We are continuing to consider remodeling both restrooms off the Gathering Area with the north one being handicap accessible. Lowell Lamphier has offered his time and will be able to work on the project during the winter months. Funds for the project as of July 31st total \$3,000.

IX. **New Business:**

- A. **2020-2021 Mass Rotation:** Will take place on the weekend of September 5th & 6th.
- B. **SFA Signage:** A new sign has been purchased from Signs & More of Independence and installed on the church by Lowell Lamphier, Leon Lentz & Kurt Wood. Kurt reported that a generous parishioner donated the money to pay for the sign. He also noted that he is getting quotes to replace the double-sided sign at the bottom of the hill off Highway 93 with the ability to change Mass times on it.
- C. **Gathering Area Improvements:** The coat cabinets are falling apart so they will be taken out and 3 or 4 wall mounted coat racks with hangers will be installed, allowing more room. The wall will be painted to match the other walls in the Gathering Area.

X. **Pastor's Comment:** Fr. Don exhibited an outline for wedding planning done by Jennifer Wood. He also commented that all priests in the deanery are reporting about the same number of parishioners attending Mass. Attendance at all 4 parishes in SJWC are similar and holding steady.

XI. **Adjourn Parish Council Meeting**

SFA Finance Council

I. **Reconvene as Finance Council**

II. **Review and Approval of Finance Report:** Maureen Johnson reporting.

Anne Sellers motioned to approve the report for the Fiscal Year, seconded by Elissa Wenthe, motion carried. Anne Sellers motioned to approve the July report, seconded by Veryl Burghardt, motion carried.

Rick Fink motioned to recommend Sue Frey to Fr. Don as an appointee to another term on the Building & Grounds Committee, seconded by Anne Sellers, motion carried. Fr. Don accepted the recommendation.

III. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

IV. **Closing Prayer:** Fr. Komboh led a "Hail Mary" and "Glory Be."

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 19th, 2020 @ 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Jacob (Recorder)