

NOTES from Parish Council Meeting October 21, 2020

OLD BUSINESS

Capital Campaign Update: We continue to be very grateful and appreciative to all of our pledgers for both campaigns.

Facilities Faith Lift I: We are still receiving pledge payments on our Facilities Faith Lift I.

- Outstanding pledge payments remaining of \$50,873.32 (4.6% of total pledged amount of \$1,115,608.18).

Facilities Faith Lift II: Our Facilities Faith Lift II began on July 1, 2018. Our pledge goal was initially \$950,000.

- To date, we have received \$734,483.35 in pledges from 259 parish families, the increase due to payments made by families who chose not to pledge, but pay as they are able and by families who pledged initially and have added to their pledge. This is an increase of this month of \$720 over the last report in September.
- Total pledges paid to date are \$581,989.63, or 79.2% of the total pledged amount.
- The pledge balance due is \$152,493.72, or 20.8% of the total pledged amount.
- We have also deposited \$5,620.63 for our Pennies to Bricks program since July, 2018.

Building Expansion Update:

- All of the roofs are now complete.
- We are still awaiting final approval for the project by the Bishop to begin the permitting process with Burkey Construction. At this point, given that the subsequent permitting process will take 30 days beyond the approval date, we may need to push off the construction until Spring. As previously mentioned, no additional monies will need to be borrowed for this renovation.

Parish Giving:

- As of this report we have a total of 171 parish families who have signed up for online Sunday Collections to date.
- On average, our projected monthly online Sunday Collections is currently \$20,968.25.
- Our annual online Sunday Collections total is predicted to be \$251,619 which is approximately 39% of our Sunday Collections budget for this new Fiscal Year 2020/2021 of \$650,000.

NEW BUSINESS

- Planning for Christmas Mass was discussed. Father is planning to hold four Masses on Christmas Eve, one at 2:00 PM (in both the Church and Quinn Hall), and one at 4:00 PM (in both the Church and Quinn Hall), one at 6:00 PM outside in the parking lot, and one at 8:00 in Church. Christmas Day would be 2 Masses.
- Father is planning to send out a survey in November to get a feel for which Mass people are planning to attend.
- There will be three openings for Parish Council next year - One spot vacated by Jim Cunningham, who moved; and two others for Mike Pishock and Eugene Kovach, whose terms are complete.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building & Grounds:

- The HVAC systems in the upstairs are being upgraded, with three units being placed outside at a cost ~ \$40,000.
- The lights in the upstairs have been replaced with LEDs at a cost of about \$10-\$15,000.
- Two Eagle Scout Projects in progress/planned – brush cleanup near the back parking lot and polishing of the pews.
- See Building Expansion Update for additional Building and Grounds updates.

Parish Life: Planning for Clergy Appreciation weekend.

Finance: The half-year review will be performed in the January/February timeframe.

Fundraising: The fundraising committee met via ZOOM on Oct. 12, 2020.

- The “takeout chicken dinner” event sold 233 dinners. The total income was \$2,824.50 and expenses were \$863.59. Net profit for the event was \$1,960.91.
- The Boscov’s & Friends fundraiser was held on Oct. 14 & 15. No figures are available at this time.
- The Basket Party is going on at this time. It will end on Oct. 25. As of the dates of our meeting (Oct. 12) 116 tickets had been sold. The income as of that date was \$3,487.00. An infomercial was aired on the Parish’s Facebook page. As of our meeting, 80 baskets had been donated. 45 minute appointments with social distancing were being scheduled for participants to view the baskets from Oct. 21 to Oct. 25. Winners will be drawn online and baskets should be picked-up between 2 & 4 PM on Oct. 25.
- In lieu of a Craft Show, a Food Fest will be held on Dec. 5 & 6. As of our meeting, orders will be taken online and in-person for two types of soup, haluski, and meatballs. Cookies will also be sold. More information forthcoming.

Knights of Columbus: We’ve had a tough few weeks. Our Deputy Grand Knight Ted Kochen lost his Mom last week, and our Grand Knight Eric McGill lost his Dad yesterday. Please keep them both in your thoughts and prayers.

Review:

- Clambake fundraiser: We sold 206 dinners and have had many compliments.
- Habitat for Humanity: Four Knights (restricted to 4 due to Covid) travel to Reading on 9/26 to renovate row homes.
- PennDOT CleanUp: We cleaned up our stretch of Rte. 73 between Boyertown and Oley on Saturday, October 17th.

Upcoming Events:

- Adoration Hour: We continue to support a weekly adoration hour from 1:00 to 2:00 AM on Friday mornings.
- 5th Sunday Rosaries: We have resumed our 5th Sunday Rosary, next one is November 29th.
- PAR Recycling: Scheduled for Saturday, December 5th
- Thanksgiving Food Drive: We are partnering with St. Vincent DePaul Society
- Trivia Night: Trying to reschedule for Feb/March
- Knights in the Morning: Saturday 1/4/21. This is an informal get together of men from our Parish who are interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus. Coffee and donuts are always provided.
- Knights Monthly Breakfast: To be held Sunday 1/5.
- Parish Military Member Christmas Cards: We will be sending Christmas Cards signed by our Council Officers to all Parish Military Members thanking them for their service next month.
- Baby Bottle Fundraiser: We are discussing making a large donation to A Baby's Breath Foundation in Colledgeville for an Ultrasound Machine.
- Eagle Scout Project: Monetary support.

Human Concerns/Health Ministry/St. Vincent DePaul: No formal report

Evangelization: No recent meetings have been held.

Youth Group:

- Our Mum sale was a success. We made \$591.25.
- We had a Youth Group meeting on October 8th – 9 students attended.
- We sold 250 jars of salsa. There will be some extra to be sold after all Masses on 10/31 and 11/1. If we sell the rest of our jars, we will make \$1009.75!!!
- We have an opportunity to help a parishioner move mulch on 10/24...trying to get teens to sign up!

Parish/Staff Items:

- The planned opening of the Preschool was discussed, potentially in January after New Year's.
- The Council discussed whether Communion should be changed back to its normal place in Mass, or remain at the end. The Council agreed that we should leave Communion at the end of Mass as currently being handled.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 in the conference room.