

Cathedral of St Mary  
Parish Council Minutes  
March 9, 2021

ATTENDANCE: (Those Present in BOLD) **Father August Koeune, Carey Hartmann, Kelsey Kean, Diane Prunty, Father Clark Lenz**, Father Jaimon Dominic, Rosemary Barrett, Jim Casey, **Renee Cudney, Diane Gonnely, Brian Greene, John Kaiser, John Lynch, Neill O'Donnell, Jeff Shafer, Jenny Bridges, Flossie Vance**

Meeting was called to order at 7:31AM

Fr August gave the opening prayer.

Approval of minutes- Brian made a motion to approve. John Lynch seconded. Minutes approved.

Financial update- Report attached. Fr August said the plate collections were down 14-16%. Holiday donations helped tremendously. March 8 was the first financial meeting to review all finances with the Bishop. Agenda was developed for groups to work on. The purpose is to show the parishioners the actual financial picture of the Church which includes the Cathedral, School, Cemetery, and St Vincent de Paul Thrift Store. The Bishop wants the school separated from the Church. Work is being done to create a separate corporation.

Facilities- no report

COVID-19 update-Bishop has a post on his website regarding vaccines. Hartmann Hall will be opened for all masses. Diane G. asked if vaccines would be mandated throughout the Diocese personnel. That cannot be done legally.

OLD BUSINESS-

Contract has been finalized for the October Mission with Roy Schoeman

NEW BUSINESS-

Parish Picnic- Carey brought up the possibility of a Parish picnic. Fr August will discuss with the staff and get back to the Guild. Discussion was had on the idea of having the picnic at the school as was planned for 2020. Brian suggested it would be a great time to showcase the school.

No new parishioner concerns.

REPORTS-

Cathedral Guild -Flossie reported not much going on.

Knights of Columbus- Jeff reported the fish fry dinners were going as well as could be expected. 40 cans for Lent are going to St Joseph's Food Bank

St Vincent de Paul- Diane reported approx. \$13,000 taken in for Feb. Big Sale being done March 19-20. Working on Volunteer hours. Donations are up.

Social Concerns- Meeting planned for March 18<sup>th</sup> for an overview of finances and expanding the outreach of the committee. Focus will be to work with other groups and not duplicate services.

St Mary's School- Reading Across America was highly successful, 10 guest speakers. Approx. ½ of the staff is fully vaccinated. Working on reopening the library. One of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers has been working with Blue Federal Credit union and a Military group to pick up items for STVP that people cannot deliver themselves. Open registration should be starting soon. Letter will be going out to all parishioners of the three Cheyenne parishes. A letter is also being developed to go to the Montessori school and other faith groups. FANFARE will run online 4/26-5/7. It will be all virtual. Car raffle tickets are going well. Neill is helping Beth with a virtual tour of the school. Actual tours of the school are being worked on. Kelsey asked if the middle school would be returning. Jenny explained the elementary grades need to be stabilized before further grades can be considered. Currently teachers are paid approx. 40% less than the county.

Security- Committee did not meet.

Volunteer Recognition- Weekend of May1 & 2 the COVID Task Force at the school will be recognized.

Youth Ministry- Report attached. First Communion for CCD will be April 18<sup>th</sup> at 2PM. May 2 will be First Communion for the school. These ceremonies maybe Live Streamed. Damian has a Music, Adoration, Prayer evening planned for the 20<sup>th</sup> after 5:15 mass.

Fr Clark said the closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24am