

SLDM Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Date: November 10, 2020, 7:00pm (School Library)

Scribe: Louie Jorzak

Attendees: Father Haan, Father Sean, Louie Jorzak, Chad Greene, Patrick Carter, Bryan John, Gene Dustman, Jeff Oelker, Ange Bailey, Emily Colemenar, Alan Lessard, Jamie Anderson, and Mark Mader.

Absent: Jeff Grasser, Scot Boutcher

Agenda Items:

1. Opening Prayer:

- Father Haan led the Council in opening prayer.

2. Approval of Minutes – October 2020 Meeting Minutes were approved.

3. Old Business:

- Usher Training - attempting to get on the calendar prior to Christmas. Fathers are going to work with Alan Lessard to get training going. Second session in spring to do active shooter training. No letter to EM. Prior to first usher training, Fathers intend to get the letter out regarding EM's.

4. Uniting in Heart

- New roles for Uniting in Heart at Church. Staffing-Bill Cower retired, and Bob Rodgers now has this position. Jeff Oelker will retire in late spring 2021. Looking for Director of Operations. Every pastorate will have one. Three focuses: a) finances, (b) facilities, (c) human resources. Director of Ministries position will be filled from the inner circle of the leadership team, and will be combined with Director of Evangelization. This position will be named in the coming months. Domino effect potentially among the formation staff. Director of Operations will be posted externally and internally.

5. Christmas Masses

- Christmas Masses — mass in church as well as in school gym. One idea is a sign-up/RSVP, with so many spots per mass. We are going to proceed with nativity for children. Possibility of it being prior to mass rather than in the middle. It's important to families and possible "Covid-wise." Significant discussion about mass times—consensus was that the mass times used in the past were the best. Discussion about adding a gym mass in conjunction with one of these busier masses. Morning mass on Christmas is the appropriate mass to be designated for Covid at-risk populations—likely 7 a.m. would be the best time. In addition, it was discussed that a 6 p.m. Christmas Eve mass should be added in the school gym.

6. Nurturing Vocations

- Fr. Haan would like this to be a focus for the parish. Prior to Fr. Haan's assignment there was an assessment of the parish. Vocations - passion to Fr. Sean and Fr. Haan. There is no reason why the parish should not be producing young men and women for a religious life. The Council discussed suggestions. Many people assume young people want to start a family, which is a big reason why it is difficult to find

candidates for religious life and the priesthood. We need to foster conversation with young people about what a vocation looks like. One idea is to invite a religious to campus in some capacity. Hearing a parent of a priest or religious say how proud they are of their child's decision. Encourage children to be altar servers. Involvement of priests in youth group. Send kids to seminary on a field trip for a day. Get 3-5 grades involved after First Communion, and before youth group starts up. Nurturing marriage vocations. Knights Temple – a lot of activities are in the works, including a discernment aspect. Encouragement from the laity is essential. Dimension of prayer from the parish for vocations – would like to see a variation of that in the prayers of the faithful, and a component after the rosary but prior to the beginning of mass.

7. Reliquary

- Reliquary – parish has 1/2 dozen relics—Where is a good place to put the relics? Much discussion was held about putting a relic in the altar, and there is room for one in the adoration chapel. Shadow box? All are first class relics. Council members were encouraged to contact Jamie Anderson with ideas about where to put the relics.

8. Next Meeting

- Next meeting school library. December 1, 2020 set as a tentative date.
UPDATE—Meeting for December has been cancelled. A communication will follow with respect to the scheduled date for the next meeting.

9. Closing Prayer –Father Sean led the closing prayer.

Next Meeting: TBD – School Library.