

SLDM Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Date: July 8, 2020 7:00pm (Ministry Center)

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Attendees: Father Travis, Louie Jorczak, Chad Greene, Patrick Carter, Bryan John, Gene Dustman, Jeff Oelker, Ange Bailey, and Emily Colemenar.

Absent: Father Pat, Jamie Anderson, Jeff Grasser, Alan Lessard, Scot Boutcher, Mark Mader.

Agenda Items:

1. Opening Prayer:

- Father Travis led the Council in opening prayer.

2. SLDM Homecoming

- Discussion was held about the potential SLDM Homecoming event. Since there is going to be no Parish Picnic and no Fall Festival, an idea for a “homecoming” has developed that will give parish members an opportunity to come together in these trying times, as well as give the parish an opportunity to welcome the new pastor and associate pastor.
- The idea is a “Trunk or Treat” type event where parishioners park in their cars, and are able to mingle with other parishioners. The priests would then have an opportunity to walk through the crowd and meet people. Much discussion was centered on the logistics of the idea, and how it would work considering the issues surrounding potential transmission of COVID, and keeping everyone safe and socially distant.
- There would be no food provided, people would have to provide their own. There would be no budget, and no cost to the parish. There would be no games (like at the Fall Festival), but children could play at the playground. Parish Council would not be putting on the event, but would be there as needed. This would be a “staff-owned” event, but with Parish Council support.
- Next Steps: Jamie Anderson and Ange Bailey were going to meet to discuss details.

3. Church Reopening plans — Updates.

- Dispensation for Mass attendance has not been extended, and will expire after August 15.
- Accommodations cannot be made for people that do not want to wear masks. This is obviously a fluid situation.

4. Parish Priority — Parish Staff Update:

- No Update. There will be a September/October meeting with the new priests to discuss any updates with the new priests and others.
- Transition to new pastor and associate pastor is on schedule.
- Arts & Environment Ministry – much discussion was held about this matter. Apparently at one time the Sacristan was a paid position, but recently that position has been led by a volunteer leader and a group of volunteers. This is a big job, and

the volunteers need assistance. Ange Bailey is going to reach out to Amy DeLucia regarding assistance for these important ministry items.

5. *Open Forum* – Discussion was held about the issues at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Many different opinions on the matter were shared.
6. *Closing Prayer* – Father Travis led the closing prayer.

Next Meeting: At the moment the meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 12th @ 7:00pm – Location Details TBD.