

SLDM Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Date: May 13, 2020 7:00pm (Zoom)

Prayer Leader: Fr. Pat

Scribe: Louie Jorczak

Attendees: Father Pat, Father Travis, Jamie Anderson, Louie Jorczak, Ange Bailey, Chad Greene, Scot Boutcher, Patrick Carter, Bryan John, Gene Dustman, Mark Mader, Alan Lessard, Jeff Grasser, Jeff Oelker, and Emily Colemanar.

Absent: Alan Lessard.

Agenda Items:

1. *Opening Prayer:*

- Father Pat led the Council in opening prayer.

2. *Ministries - feedback or requests*

- Ministry Updates: Holy Family/Interfaith Hospitality – Emily was not able to connect with either ministry leader (Denise Webster/Linda Lowe). Phone numbers were no longer valid.
- Beth Craig gave the council a lot of positive feedback on communications and updates. St. Anne’s Guild also provided a lot of feedback, and indicated that, in its opinion, more communication would be beneficial. The Council discussed the limitations of social media for some parishioners, and suggested continually communicating with ministry leaders and parishioners using as many forms of communication as possible.

3. *Ministry Gathering* – The Council hopes to do a ministry gathering for November of this year. Normally this is done in the spring, but given the COVID-19 situation, this was impossible. The intent is to still have ministry gathering—but it is a fluid situation, and presently to be determined—perhaps with input from Father Hahn.

4. *Church Reopening Plan*

The general plan for reopening was discussed, which would be implemented by the last weekend of May. Church leadership met in early May to discuss the reopening. There will be mass coordinators, one lector, no music, and no bringing up the gifts. Door control will be maintained, which is the reason to limit the number of entrances to only one.

Electronic communications—parishioners need to continually be directed to the website for information—the website is all-inclusive. New instructions will be put into a communication blast once they are completed.

Masks and cleaning materials will be ordered, and thorough cleansings will take place after masses. Sanitizer will be provided at the front door as parishioners walk in.

Parishioners will sit every other pew and six feet apart. Tape will be put on the pews that will be off-limits for seating. The only entrance will be through the front at the Narthex. For the Sunday 9:00 and 11:30 a.m. masses, two will be held simultaneously (one in the Church and one in Craig Willy Hall). There will be no music, and communion will be distributed after the conclusion of mass. Only priests and deacons will be distributing communion.

The 7:30 mass will be reserved for the most vulnerable populations. A sign-up genius will be used to reserve parishioners a mass time. Families may sit together. The Saturday 5:00 p.m. mass will still be live-streamed, as well as daily masses.

The Church is looking to do something to open the Adoration Chapel and start daily masses up again, after the general reopening occurs at the end of May.

5. *Parish Priority Plan/Parish Staff Update*

- Staff is trying to figure out how to coordinate and implement new evangelization efforts with the reopening of the church. Staff will come back to the office on June 1. Youth Ministers, the school, and the teachers, have been doing a great job. Dave and HS Ministry have been reaching out and doing a wonderful job connecting with the young people of the parish. Beth Craig has been doing a lot of Zoom communications to keep the younger school-aged children involved. They need to be thanked.
- We do not yet know 1st Communion dates, Confirmation dates, or details for RCIA. Grade School graduation will be done in July. Targeting a mid-June date for opening up confessions for regular times (Saturday mornings/Wednesday nights).
- Father Travis/Pat staying until August 19.

6. *Open Forum*

- General discussion was held about what help would be needed from the Parish Council for the reopening.
- A blessing of mothers was conducted the previous Sunday (Mother's Day). A lot of mothers came and were glad to see everyone. It was encouraging.
- Collection situation? Commencing on March 15, through Sunday, collections are down to this time last year, and down to budget this year. That being said, the Parish is actually at 95% of budget, because we were up to start the fiscal year. Concerns going forward? Yes, but nothing that cannot be handled with frugality. No serious concerns at this time, because collections are coming in and tracking to budget year to date. With so much uncertainty, the Parish just needs to make its best-estimates and plan accordingly.

7. *Closing Prayer* —Father Pat led the closing prayer.

Next Meeting Wednesday, June 10th @ 7:00pm Details TBD.