

**Safety committee Zoom meeting
December 10, 2020**

Members present: Fr. Steve Dublinski, Jane Hommel, Karen Johnston, Kevin Owens, Jon Parrish, and Mary Sutherland

Detectors/intercom: Jon was referred to Fisher Security Systems in Lewiston. They will design a security/safety plan using the building's blueprint. They have a call center. But it would cost \$20,000.

Home Depot explained how we could do it ourselves. They sell the Google Nest system, which includes CO detectors and fire/smoke alarms. It will alert phones. It costs \$300 for three sensors and has a ten-year battery. The sensors do 400 tests/day on themselves. They give an alert if the battery is low. That looked like the best option. The fire department could help us figure out where to put them.

The members thought the system sounded good. We need to be sure it works with the new Wi-Fi system that will soon be installed in the church. And, since it is a Google system, we need to be careful with security and turn off some of the default settings that send out too much information. Jon and Kevin will work with Kurt Zimmerman and David Whelchel who are installing the Wi-Fi system to make sure everything works together and covers the whole building.

We'll want detectors in hallways, the church, the annex, the social hall, near furnaces and breaker boxes, in the parish house, etc. The fire safety officer who looked through the church with some of the committee said that we don't need smoke detectors in each classroom since no one sleeps in them. We still need a way to communicate between various areas; we aren't sure if this system includes that.

Fr. Steve said that it is fine to spend few thousand dollars on a system. We can't afford \$20,000. The good news is that the fundraiser we held instead of an auction raised over \$50,000, so we can get this done. Home Depot in Lewiston sells the Google Nest; Jon will check whether Pullman Building Supply does.

First aid kits: The fire safety officer gave advice on what to include in the kits and where to place them. He suggested including the first aid kits near the fire extinguishers. Some kits may be in place already, but the signs pointing them out are not up yet.

He also said the parish can apply online to get a Knock Box. It will hold a key that the fire department can use to get into the buildings in case of a night fire. The staff needs to work on that.

A new location for child care during Mass, and moving one classroom: The fire safety officer confirmed that the nursery and the St. Teresa room cannot be used for children when we have in-person class again, due to the lack of windows.

One idea is to use the back section of the social hall with the wood flooring for the nursery. There are only about five or fewer children at a time. To do this, all the extra tables and chairs need to be cleared out. The RE supply closet materials can be put in the old nursery room, and the current supply room can house the extra tables and chairs so they are accessible for social hall use.

Fr. Steve said the back pews in the Annex can be moved and a small temporary wall can be put up to accommodate a class. The kindergarten and first grade have been using the St. Teresa room. Kindergarten can move to a middle classroom since only the preschool class is there at the same time. One of the 9:45 classes will move to the annex, and the St. Teresa room will not be used for class. Theresa Paul asked for the moving project to begin after Christmas. Jane offered to help.

The fire safety officer also said that in the event of a fire, taking the children to the grassy area between church and parish office would be best.

The RE staff is also working on getting shades for the classroom door windows in the event of a lockdown.

Coronavirus: It will probably get worse before it gets better. Should we try to do parking lot Masses in January and February? We will keep doing the best we can.