

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2020

Held remotely via GoToMeeting to follow health guidelines recommending against in-person meetings due to COVID-19 presence in the community. Meeting was scheduled for a Monday instead of Tuesday to avoid election. Minutes submitted by Audrey Boerner.

In Attendance: Audrey Boerner, Kris Miller, Elaine Carlson, Laura Miller, Chris Woodford, Rev. Jazdzewski, Chad Ronnander

Chris called the meeting to order at 7:03. Rev. opened the meeting with a passage MT 25:1-13

Finance Council - did not meet in October and will meet on Nov 3rd. At the end of October, contributions are down compared to last year at this time. However, expenses are also down. The Parish is currently \$4,497 over budget for the fiscal year.

Family Life Committee – waiting to meet and program until after pandemic concerns are lifted.

Community Concerns – kid meals that were prepared all went to families in need. Reminder that there are Diocesan Directives for what this committee should cover. Also planning a survey from Parish Council to discuss what it is that the Parish would like to see from this committee.

Sacred Worship – has not met since May. Compliance manager team met to prepare for move to St. Pat's and prepare the ushers for seating people in the new setting. Seemed to go well during first weekend back at St. Patrick, but attendance was also lower than previous weekends. Compliance managers meet again Nov 5th to discuss if there should be any modifications to the safety measures in place.

Education Committee – has not met. About 30 students in 1st – 10th grade. 1st and 10th grades are the largest with 5 students each. Content is offered online. Ann Henriksen has met with the middle-schoolers in the Edge program. High school students will also receive formation in preparation for Confirmation, though plans for how Sacrament will happen in the spring are to be determined. Adult small groups planned for reflecting on Sunday Scriptures, one on music and liturgy, and one likely on the Rebuilt materials.

SP School Building – asbestos abatement should be completed within two weeks. Windows are also being removed during that time. General Contractor expects to begin interior wall demo next week. Interior demo will take about one month. General Contractor is handling all permitting and approvals required by the City of Eau Claire.

Sacred Heart kitchen – Equipment installed and other items to be returned is pending. Volunteers appreciated (Mike Larrabee). Flooring, lighting and painting are completed. New countertops are on schedule to be completed this week. Wash sink pipes are being replumbed and minor electrical work needs to be done. Expectation are for this work to be done within a week or two. Mike Larrabee is making plans to have equipment reinstalled and other items returned to the kitchen area. Volunteers will be appreciated.

Update from Renovation Committee: Elaine is the Parish Council Representative to the Renovation Committee. The Committee is a very diverse in background and talents and mix of how long they have

been members of the Parish. Very long list for potential Renovation projects at this time, Committee is exploring their options and prioritizing this scope. Will meet again on Nov 10th. Previous meeting was comprised of a walk-through of the building. There are some must do's (i.e. filling in the tunnel) and other lower-priority options that have less to do with the integrity of the structure. Committee will connect with the Finance Council at a future date when a scope is better defined. Will also be consulting with experts to determine other high-priority issues and determine the cost.

Survey to gauge the parishioner's thoughts and insights on developing additional parish committees was first discussed in September, draft has not yet been developed. After drafted and finalized by Council, intention is to disseminate among parishioners to determine direction and intention of Family Life and Community Concerns committees. Council discussed the optimum timing to get the survey out, and if that would benefit the work of these two committees. Committee representatives reported that they do not feel like their work is held up by not having the survey at this time, and Council agreed that there did not seem to be an immediate need for this type of survey, especially in light of challenging family situations with the pandemic, approaching holidays, and school schedules for families. The item will be revisited in early 2021.

Seasonal Church Schedule: We are now 1 year into the seasonal schedule of alternating between two church buildings. Group discussed their thoughts on how it is going. Council noted that it is difficult to truly evaluate how the alternate building schedule has gone with COVID, fewer masses offered, and fewer people at mass. During the Pastoral Strategic Plan listening sessions, it was clear that evaluating parts of the plan would be important. Council recognizes that for some parishioners, there is a sensitivity to which building mass is being celebrated in given their experience as St. Pat's and SH being separate parishes prior. There is also a cohort of parishioners who have moved into the Parish after the merger and are less sensitive to building location. The goal of the Pastoral Strategic Plan is to serve people that identify with either.

Volunteer Software: Program that assists with liturgical scheduling mainly. Question was raised on if we were still paying for it and if so, how/if it was being used. Volunteer Software is Ministry Scheduler Pro. We purchased an annual subscription right around the time pandemic hit, so we have not been using the software. Now that we have some regular volunteer roles scheduled, and a regular weekend schedule, the software will be used soon.