

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2020

Held remotely via Zoom as a result of the Safer at Home Mandate from Governor Evers.

In attendance were Chris Woodford, Kris Miller, Rev. Jazdzewski, Elaine Carlson and Laura Miller.

Chris called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and Rev. began with prayer.

Zoom has a 40-minute time limit on meetings.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

FINANCE COUNCIL: The FC has been busy, corresponding by email and phone. They met remotely earlier today. In the light of the COVID-19 pandemic, financially, the parish is okay. That is encouraging and partially the result of recent, difficult decisions. Parishioners continue to be generous, sending contributions to support the parish through hand delivery, mail, and online giving. Regis is working to adjust subsidies. The diocese has not relaxed any of our financial obligations, but they are giving us more time to pay. Sharon has applied for payroll assistance through the federal government Payroll Protection Program, as part of the Covid-19 stimulus plan to help with payroll during the pandemic. If certain parameters are met, she can apply to the SBA for the loan to be forgiven. Some staff are working remotely. All are working to stay well while meeting the needs of parishioners. The Cathedral renovation is being planned. No prices nor bids have been made public, and the diocesan campaign has not begun. As a consequence of the pandemic, plans for Cathedral improvements may change. SHSP raised about \$70,000 toward the SH elevator project. The project is on hold. Estimates/Bids have been collected for demolition of the Parish Center and the new parking lot on the site. Negotiations with Mayo have stalled with the pandemic.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: No representative yet. Josh sends updates. The committee has been meeting remotely. This year's classes are, in all probability, done as a result of the pandemic. Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion have been postponed.

FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE: Nothing new to report.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS COMMITTEE: Elaine reported that their last meeting was in February. Jeanne Reber attended. There was more discussion about merging the FLC and CCC. They brainstormed fundraising possibilities, such as a brat wagon. At the time, members seemed to be having a difficult time processing all changes in the parish, especially the reduction of parish social gatherings.

SACRED WORSHIP COMMITTEE: Rev. said there is nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

-UPDATE ON ELEVATOR PROJECT: Roughly \$70,000, including donations and pledges, will be saved in an account for the renovation project. Discussion continues regarding the parish's need of handicap accessibility at both campuses. What about reducing the size of the elevator, so the cost would be less? Fifty to sixty percent of recent funerals are cremations, so an elevator large enough to accommodate a coffin may not be necessary. In Summer 2020, we will begin to assemble a committee to head the SH renovation plan. Time to focus on SH.

- Storage at the St. Patrick campus is an issue, since the PC is storage for SHSP liturgical items. Once the PC is gone, the garage may suffice for a while, but the parish will still need storage and a small meeting room at the SP campus. If the garage is removed, a small building attached near the sacristy for storage and groups (funeral luncheons typically are 60-90 people) might be ideal.

-VOLUNTEER SOFTWARE UPDATE: Liz entered the necessary info and had begun to use the program, but the pandemic has slowed implementation.

-PARISH CENTER EQUIPMENT UPDATE: Mike Larabee had begun to orchestrate staging for repurposing useful equipment in the PC. The project is temporarily postponed, but investigation into what can be sold or used by parishioners or other parishes, is beginning to be explored.

There was a question if Ceil has enough volunteers to reach all those parishioners who are home bound by the pandemic. Ceil seems to be managing for now. If the situation changes, more volunteers will be recruited.

Screens in St. Patrick Church have been installed to replace the temporary partitions. Mike Sheehan fabricated frames, and a small crew helped with installation last Saturday. The results are beautiful. Plexiglass could be affixed to the screens to provide more of a sound barrier while still allowing visibility into the nave. Colored fabric could also go behind the screens to decorate the space.

Rev. closed the meeting with a prayer, and the meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted by Myrthe McCarthy