

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2020

Held remotely via GoToMeeting, as the Safer at Home mandate continues.

In attendance were Chris Woodford, Rev. Jazdzewski, Audrey Boerner, Chad Ronnander, Kris Miller, and Elaine Carlson. Laura Miller was excused.

Chris called the meeting to order at 7:12pm. Rev. began with a prayer after sharing the first reading from the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Chris had emailed the agenda earlier today and asked everyone to refer to it for tonight's meeting.

UPDATES:

FINANCE COUNCIL: Rev. reported on tonight's meeting. July's financials indicate the parish was a little bit shy of budget, about \$2000. We have taken on some expenses in transition from the PC to the PLC and SH Hall. Asbestos will be removed from the SH Kitchen floor. With the vacating of the PC and the parish has received some donations for items and materials reclaimed from the old building. Those funds will be used to cover expenses of relocating parish operations to the PLC and churches. New shelving units will be installed in the SP church basement for storage of liturgical items. **BUILDING DEMO:** Based on regulations from City of EC, we will not have as many parking spaces as anticipated. With fewer parking spaces, paying back the benefactor will take longer, possibly up to two additional years. The benefactor is okay with the longer payback, however long it takes. The FC is committed to paying back the debt quicker as large memorials, gifts, donations and bequests come into the parish accounts..

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Chad attended the July 28 meeting. Following future meetings, Chad will send minutes to Myrthe and she will forward to council members for review. The next meeting is August 11. The EC decided to go ahead with CCD and have families register, even though things may change. A survey to families resulted in 21 responses, with only one family planning on not attending classes. Only 3 catechists have indicated they are definitely returning to teach. The current plan for CCD is as follows: for grades 1-5, a hybrid home schooling program with online instruction through Formed.org; for grades 6-8, the Edge program with Anne Henriksen. There is uncertainty about what to do for grades 9-10. The catechists will meet on August 11, too. Families have been contacted via email and registrations will start soon. With no current Religious Education Director/Coordinator, some of the budget funds may be used to cover scholarships to Regis Catholic Schools. Eleven families claim SHSP as parish, and five are active families. Sacramental preparation may change into more take home activities. Confirmation will be particularly difficult. Candidates and their families will need to be more accountable and motivated to learn their faith. The EC and parish must figure out how to motivate, encourage and evangelize 9-10th graders. Rev. will send out diocesan parameters and requirements for confirmation to those students.

FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE: Kris reported that the committee still has not met. Currently, only has two members. The FLC has not done any activities since the Parish's 20th Anniversary. Maybe it is time for FLC and COMMUNITY CONCERNS COMMITTEE to join forces? Diocesan directives regarding these committees will be reviewed. While their focuses have been

different, maybe now is the time to regroup and redesign them. Elaine reported that the CCC has not met since February 2020. Parish involvement with Weekend Kids' Meals (WKM) from Feed My People may need to be tabled until next year. We just do not have the means to pay for the project this year. Maybe we can encourage parishioners to donate on their own. Representatives will have conversations with these committee members to see if combining is an option and if there are funds available to use for Kids' Meals. Otherwise, the parish may need to pass on providing financial support for WKM for this year. The council decided to use \$2500 from FLC money market fund to contribute to WKM.

SACRED WORSHIP COMMITTEE: Audrey reported. While the SWC did not meet in June or July, many conversations were had regarding return to worship, weddings, funerals, and daily Mass. Compliance managers are continuing to meet to coordinate our return to worship. Two Sunday Masses are adequate to accommodate those attendees. Ushers, cleaners/sanitizers are doing very well at maintaining recommendations for decreasing/preventing viral spread. Special events: weddings and Confirmation seems to be going well. Daily Mass will resume soon. We will start with one day per week, to be held on Wednesday or Friday. One of those days will allow for less cleaning and fewer ushers, so less volunteers will be needed.

OLD BUSINESS:

UPDATE ON PC DEMO: Open houses and open take are completed. Mike Larabee has been incredibly generous with his time and efforts with coordinating and overseeing the open houses and removal of all items and materials that can be reused or repurposed. The center of the gym floor is being made into a table. Two contractors are reclaiming the wood floors, doors, woodwork, other materials. Hope Gospel may to reclaim some building supplies too. Asbestos abatement is planned for September 2020. We will be working with the Randall Neighborhood Group. The neighborhood will benefit in various ways, most notably, including less congested street parking. Contracts for parking have not yet been finalized. Demo is projected for November and December. Details are being worked out. Resurfacing of the land and laying of blacktop are planned for May-June of 2021. Kris reminded Rev. that if a title search is needed, she has the information. That small triangle of land at the edge of the property is probably part of the abandoned railroad.

SH RENOVATION/RESTORATION STEERING COMMITTEE FORMATION: We are looking for a steering committee of 5-8 parishioners to guide the project from start to finish. Ideal candidates are people who have vision, time, leadership skills, construction expertise, communication skills, knowledge of worship, or financial backgrounds, and are open-minded; People who are more interested in getting things done than in getting their own way would be ideal members. The steering committee will formulate the main goals of the project. Once the project is in place, we will also need other people to help with more details. Expert analysis of the building is needed. Consideration of restoring the organ and stained glass. Projected completion of the project is for 2025.

Rev. closed the meeting with a prayer, and the meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Next meeting: September 1, 2020 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Myrthe McCarthy