

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2021

Held remotely via GoToMeeting.

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

Chris called the meeting to order at 7:03. Rev. opened the meeting with Mark 1:7-11, reading for the Baptism of the Lord, this Sunday's gospel. Rev. asked us to consider the question: "What do you think your parents and godparents had in mind for you at your baptism?"

Finance Council: Rev. reported on tonight's meeting. Income continues to be lower due to the pandemic. The changes the Parish has completed make this reality easier to handle. SH Kitchen is complete. We had to replace the main water line from Dewey St to Sacred Heart Church for \$7,895.00. Since lead pipe was removed and copper pipe installed, we will get a \$2000 rebate from the City of Eau Claire from their lead pipe replacement grant fund. Large bequests over the last month or two have generously provided the Parish with \$65,000. The Diocesan Annual Appeal donations are a little bit behind, but we built a shortfall into the budget in anticipation.

Education Committee: Chad reported that they have not met. Contact for Religious Ed has been limited due to the pandemic. Students and parents are following self-paced lessons on-line. Confirmation is still in planning. Books and supplies have been purchased. Grace Wilgus and Rev. are meeting on 1/6 to discuss and plan.

Family Life Committee: Kris is researching what we can do/what we want to do as a parish so we can plan.

Community Concerns Committee: Elaine reported. This committee, too, is in limbo. She will touch base with Shelly Kern to assess community needs and ways to get volunteers involved. Current volunteer opportunities will be published in the bulletin. The survey will go out at some point closer to when parish activities open to more normalcy.

Sacred Worship Committee: Audrey reported they met in November. Topics addressed at that time focused on Mass schedules for December and January and decorations for the Christmas season. SWC members helped with the decorating. Compliance managers met also. All Christmas Masses were "full," based on pandemic seating. We have a great group of people who work as sanitizers and ushers. There is no talk of changing any restrictions, even as more people get vaccinated. People would still need to quarantine if exposed less than 6 ft from an infected person. Audrey expects no changes in mandates from a Health Department perspective.

Shelving has been installed in the basement under St. Patrick Church, and liturgical decorations have been relocated.

Sacred Heart Renovation Committee: Next meeting is January 12. During their last meeting, members met with Marawood Construction and toured the building. The goal was to assess problem areas, benefit from their expertise and guidance, and prioritize tasks/projects. There is a possibility of improvements being completed in phases. More immediate needs are the parking lot, the tunnel, and

the front steps. The committee is exploring options of elevator versus a platform lift. There is amazing energy and charity in this committee. The hope is to accomplish renovations by 150th anniversary.

UPDATES

Old Business:

Surveys for Committees: Chad is still willing to do. Discussions on focus, implementation, timing, pandemic, etc., resulted in the decision that the surveys will be tabled and the issue revisited at the next meeting.

New Business:

School Cornerstone: The St. Patrick School cornerstone was preserved from demolition. Tentative plans were discussed to open the cornerstone on March 17. Any Covid mandate restrictions will apply. Carrie Ronnander and Rich Watkins will be consulted for the event. Final decisions will be made by next meeting, then advertising will occur before the event.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm with a prayer.

Next meeting will be February 2, 2021.

Respectfully submitted by Myrthe McCarthy