

## Parish Council Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2021

Held remotely via GoToMeeting.

In Attendance: Chris Woodford, Kris Miller, Elaine Carlson, Laura Miller, Rev. Jazdzewski, and Chad Ronnander. Audrey Boerner was excused. Liz Wilson joined the meeting as a guest.

Chris called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. Rev. opened the meeting by reading the gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Lent and leading us in prayer.

### **Committee Updates:**

**Sacred Worship Committee:** Liz reported. Met a week ago. The committee is looking ahead to the rest of Lent and Holy Week. Minutes were emailed and should be referenced for details. There are four items that the SWC is looking to the Parish Council for guidance:

- 1.) Should the Parish add a third Sunday Mass and what time should we hold it? Sign-ups are increasing and we have been nearing spacing capacity. Considering adding a third weekend Mass after Easter or when we swap churches in May. SWC is waffling between adding back the 4:00pm Saturday Vigil and 4:00pm Sunday Mass. Discussions resulted in the decision to try Sunday at 4:00pm.
- 2.) Holy Week: Triduum will be held at St. Patrick Church this year. Easter Sunday Masses will be at 8:00am at St. Patrick and 10:30am at Sacred Heart. Limit of 40 households per Mass. Reservations are required. To accommodate as many families as possible, parishioners will be asked to sign up for one of either Holy Thursday or Good Friday, and either the Easter Vigil, 8:00 or 10:30. During Holy Week, people may be able to attend more than one service, if there are vacancies.
- 3.) Gifts for the Poor on Holy Thursday: Due to pandemic, there will be no foot washings, but we still need to be reminded that Jesus taught us to be servants to others, to the poor. To provide examples of ways we can serve others, Elaine will contact Community Concerns Committee Project leaders for details and that information will be communicated to parishioners in the bulletin and parish mailings.
- 4.) Church Swap is slated to be in May per the Parish Plan. Will the parking lot work be starting or completed? May is when the St. Patrick parking lot work is scheduled to be ongoing through May, possibly longer; likely completed in June. Parking spaces will be limited and in high demand. The decision was made to move all Masses to Sacred Heart Church for the month. Additional sanitizing personnel will be added to disinfect the spaces between services.

Thank you, Liz, for providing that report to the Council.

**Finance Council:** Rev. reported on tonight's meeting. Minutes from February's meeting were sent for review. We are eight months into the fiscal year and within \$200 of our expenses. Adult envelopes have decreased by about 14%. Plate is down 86%. Bingo has had no income. Scrip sales are down. The Parish has applied and received two PPP payments. The first has been forgiven and the second is expected to be forgiven, too.

There are two unexpected projects that must be addressed:

- 1.) Omaha St. Assessment for both cemeteries is \$50,000. Sharon has appealed to the Eau Claire City Council.
- 2.) Rectory at St. Patrick: The exterior is in very rough shape. Lead paint needs to be removed. Rotting boards need to be removed and replaced. The bricks need to be cleaned and painted. The bids came in at between \$28,000 and \$36,000, depending on certain factors. The work needs to be done to maintain the property.

**Education Committee:** Chad reported that they have not met. The Edge program is going very well on Wednesday nights. Attendance is close to 100%. Anne Henriksen is doing a really good job.

**Family Life Committee:** Kris reported that not much has happened with this committee.

**Community Concerns Committee:** Elaine reported. Postings in the bulletin seem to be helping staff our volunteer ministries. Committee Chair, Shelly Kern, has decided to resign. The other committee members lead the various projects, so that should continue until a new Chair is found. Suggestions were made to advertise in the bulletin and with announcements. Maybe now is the time to redefine this group (Community Concerns Committee or Social Justice Committee?), its mission, direction, and implementation of service. This issue may be an appropriate addition to the survey. Elaine is considering acting as interim Chair until then.

**Old Business:**

**Fulton Street Property:** St. Patrick School building and garage have been razed. The parking lot is the first project on the company's list to be completed this spring. Once that phase has begun, the project is expected to be completed in a month.

**Sacred Heart Renovation Committee:** Elaine reported that Sharon met with Marawood and a couple of contractors last week. Priorities to be addressed in the first phase include: exterior steps, handrails, lighting of exterior steeples, rose window condensation repair, and main entry step carpet replacement. The committee meets next week and will receive estimates and begin to formulate fundraising plan. More info will be provided at our April meeting. The committee is looking at three phases of renovation:

- 1.) Exterior: building inspections, freshening and repairs with focus on safety.
- 2.) Parking lot and tunnel
- 3.) Interior renovation

**School Cornerstone:** Kris reported that the opening of the cornerstone took seven minutes. She filmed it and the video will be uploaded for viewing at some time. Carrie Ronnander and Chippewa Valley Museum have helped by rehydrating the paper contents. That process continues. Jeweler appraisal of the coins is approximately \$51. They are not in good shape but could be displayed. The cornerstone itself could be incorporated in the new landscaping near St. Patrick Church, or in the gathering space of the Church itself. It will need to be treated on the sides not previously exposed to air. Estimates provided indicate that seal coating and possibly a plaque will cost \$500.

**New Business:** With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm with a prayer.

Next meeting will be April 6, 2021.

Respectfully submitted by Myrthe McCarthy