

*Blessed Sacrament Parish Council Meeting
September 8, 2020 Minutes*

Present: Father Mark, Warren Skonieczny, Bob Zolandz, Mary Zolandz, Thomas Daniels, Diane Domrois, Joe Binkowski, Don Schaewe, Nancy Ahern, Barb Piotrowski

Excused: Cindy Gaffney, Ann Halase

Meeting commenced at 6:30 p.m. with an opening prayer from Father Mark.

Minutes of the June 9, 2020 meeting reviewed. Approved and accepted. Don Schaewe approved – seconded by Pat Binkowski.

Father Mark's Updates –

. Parish Budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year – The Budget had been emailed to all council members and has been approved and accepted.

. State of the Parish - Father Mark advised the council the parish is doing well. Many parishioners have stepped forward for online donations especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. He has encouraged and will continue to encourage the use of the online donations. Due to the YouTube Masses there have also been online donations coming from outside the parish as far away as New Zealand and the Philippines. Thank you letters are to be sent for these generous gifts. YouTube masses will continue so that mass is available to everyone.

A general discussion was had regarding COVID-19 procedures specifically in regards to the reopening of the church after the Archbishop releases the obligation/restriction status. (i.e. still 25% capacity mandate per the State and County, masks, extra seating, extra cleaning). Father Mark and trustees will be meeting and preparing a workable procedure. Any suggestions/ideas are welcome.

. Father Mark informed the Council that the carpeting and asbestos tiles have been removed from the first and second floor hallways in the school as well as several classrooms. New tiles were laid to brighten these areas. The school roof as well as the Church roof is being inspected for moisture and water damage. Tuckpointing is being done to take care of this problem. Once tuckpointing is completed these areas will be plastered and painted for full repair.

. School update- Nancy Ahern advised that the school will be opening September 14th with half the school being virtual and other 1/2 being in person. Parents were given the option and will be given the opportunity to review and/or renew their choice every 30 days. This way it will be the same children in school for that 30 days for safety precautions. All teachers have been introduced to and trained on the COVID-19 Safety Plan which has been prepared for the school year. Nancy also indicated that lesson videos are being sent from the teachers to the student as learning tools. Also, a new technology program named CLEVER is being implemented this year. All students and teachers log on to CLEVER to get access to the various apps being utilized during their specified class time. Two new teachers were hired – K5 and 4th grade with one more (grade 5) to come. A future tour of the school with the updates will be set up for the Council.

. Due to personal reasons Ann has stepped down as Co-Chair for the Council. After some discussion Co-Chair Don has volunteered to take over the Chair position. Thank you Ann for your service to the parish. A short discussion was held regarding the secretary position wherein Cindy Gaffney will be approached to determine if she is still interested. All members received an updated member information sheet for their records.

. Father Mark will be contacting those few volunteers who came forward showing interest in serving on the Council. They will be asked to attend the next meeting scheduled for October 13th.

. Council members will be receiving a 30-minute video prepared by Sam regarding information and updates on the new organ. Father Mark requested Council feedback on the video before presenting this information to the Parish membership. Sam will be asked to be present at the October meeting.

. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. with a prayer from Father Mark.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Piotrowski