

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES: NOVEMBER 02, 2020

ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The parish council meeting was held at 6:10pm in the library room on the third floor of the Scanlan Center, St. George, UT as well as via Skype.

Present in the room: Father Dave Bittmenn, Father Kelechi Alozie, Carole Drake, Don Drake, Mariana Lawrentz, Rita Cohen, Sheila Redman, and Sharon Paetzke.

Present via Skype: Tim Kockler, Juan Carbajal, and Jane Mruczek.

Absent: Angie Gomez, Ricardo Martinez, Deacon Rigoberto Aguirre, and Deacon Rogaciano Tellez.

Father Dave opened the meeting with a prayer after which Tim called for a motion to approve the October minutes. Carole Drake made a motion and Sheila Redman seconded the motion.

Sharon Paetzke was welcomed as the new member replacing Helen Salvatore on this council. Sharon gave us a synopsis of her background and her activities in the Church both in Wisconsin and here in St. George the last 21 years. She's been involved in religious education, RCIA, law enforcement, nursing, and now in the Stephen's Ministry. Welcome, Sharon!

Tim then asked for fundraising ideas. A number of ideas and suggestions were presented. Sheila proposed a Christmas bazaar since Kuzy Hall is ready; perhaps this could be a "Walk-Thru" sale. Sharon mentioned a Palm Sunday bake sale. The biggest problem is the Covid epidemic. How do we plan not knowing how bad the health situation will be? Tim reminded us that we need a way to do these things safely and effectively. Options included a Christmas Bake Sale done the way Cinco operated. Perhaps a menu with pick-up times could be printed up. Distribution could be in Kuzy Hall with a "come-one-way-&-leave-another" policy. Mariana proposed car-delivery & pickup. Sharon will propose these ideas to the Women's Group and see if they will do the baking.

Using Kuzy Hall has to be worked out since the hall is now being used for Mass overflow. Saturday would not present as much of a problem as Sunday. One idea was that the Hall could be open on Saturday between noon and three; leftovers could be sold in between Masses on Sunday.

Another point for discussion: would the proceeds go to the church or to the women's group or shared between the two?

Tim proposed two other fund-raising options: Online Auction and an All Saints Ball in the fall next year.

Father Dave then gave an update on parish projects: working out the bugs with fobs; getting rid of the key for entry to the Scanlan Center; finalizing the kitchen manager description; reopening the food pantry Thursday morning and trying to work with the Utah Food Bank as Beryl Jct. does. Perhaps we could have the Utah Food Bank in the parking lot once a month. Tom Witt, director of the parish food bank, will be consulted.

Father Dave is trying to organize a Ministry Coordinators' Meeting.

If any group needs to reserve a meeting room or Kuzy Hall, someone needs to call Nora at the office.

70 chairs are set up in Kuzy Hall for Mass; actual seating would be for 20-30 people (couples or families) or for 40 single people.

Carole Drake then brought up the topic of funeral arrangements. Suggestions include a proposed stipend of \$100 for the funeral Mass, stipend suggestions for graveside services without a Mass, simple graveside services, and other simple services (perhaps at a mortuary). Another service, for an additional fee, that could be offered is a luncheon/reception for the family and friends in Kuzy Hall following the funeral/burial services.

Tim then brought up the topic of the influx of Californians moving to our area and into our community. Perhaps the Chamber of Commerce could provide a list. Juan suggested having information about our parish on Google because that is where people who are interested would search for information re churches, Masses, and services. People would not necessarily search out the parish website, but many people do use Google.

Tim also mentioned contacting people who live in Sun River to see if they'd be willing to spread the word re our parish. Several names were mentioned. The Coming Home Program, whose purpose is to attract people back to the church, could be re-vitalized; notices could be left on doorknobs in a neighborhood. Sheila proposed making an announcement at the end of all the Masses, asking if there were any newcomers at the Mass, welcoming them, and suggesting that they take home a bulletin. Perhaps we need a Welcoming Committee. Every so often we could have a welcoming get-together.

The meeting was closed with a prayer at 7:04pm.

The next council meeting is set for Monday, December 07, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane H. Mruczek