

Ss. Mary & Mathias Parish Council Minutes

April 27, 2020 via ZOOM – Approved MINUTES

Present: Fr. Troy Richmond, Fr. Hai Dinh, Sister Cheryl Demmer, Tim Peters, Deacon Dennis McDonald, Judd Anderson, Linda Depuydt, Cara Fuller, Laura Custus, Robin Edwards, Konrad Wilke, Ben Neitzel and Laurie Ludman

Absent: Deacon Tony Mouzon, Refugio Cenicerros, Annie Almeida, Tommy Fallon, Frank Kelly and Jennifer Radar

Opening Prayer: Fr. Troy

Laurie Ludman called the meeting to order.

Review the draft of January's minutes: Laurie ludman presented February 2020 minutes for review. Minutes were approved as written by all present.

Administrative Reports

Pastor's Report:

Fr. Troy discussed the following:

- Father shared that this past weekend the masses were a bit of a jumble – Tommy had received an email on Saturday from E. Catholic that the subscription had expired. Saturday mass was done in the side Chapel and Sunday as well (for both Masses). Father indicated that he live streamed via his IPAD which had some difficulties.
- Currently the only people in the church are the two priests for masses and the videographer. There are no musicians and no lectors in the church at this time.
- Father indicated that we will continue with live streaming on the weekends even after the COVID-19 Pandemic is over. This allows us to reach the homebound and it is also the first step in bringing people back into the church. Father shared that he has noticed several names who are participating in live stream mass who he has not seen in church.
- Father shared that there are a couple of communication tools that he would like to discuss using in the future. This will be left to Father Chris to decide when he comes on. The two programs are Flocks and Evangelus which is a way to communicate with parishioners who do not have the My Parish App. Father indicated that Father Chris is currently using Flocks at his current parish.
- Father shared that he and Annie discussed calling our parishioners to reach out and check on them. A script will be written and it will be a great way to see how folks are doing with the phone call. It is anticipated that will need 30-40 volunteers and will take 3 to 4 weeks to make the calls. The council agreed that this is a great idea and Father will follow up with Annie on a script and send out to the leadership of the church to share with the committees to make calls.
- Father Troy, Father Hai, Sister Cheryl and Religious Education and School families have been sending cards to the homebound and nursing home residents

Ministry, Commission, Committee Activity Report Additions and Call to Action

Finance Council/Business Manager

Reports provided

- Konrad highlighted that everything is up to date. Konrad is going to begin to work on the budget for next year. Last year there was a net loss of \$121,000 and he would like to get the loss down to \$40,000. Everyone needs to get additional information to Konrad this week. Linda will get the information about the Light of the World Retreat to Konrad and Alpha expense will be gathered from Carrie Harper and Tommy Fallon

Faith Formation Ministry (Board of Education/Youth Minister)

Report provided

Music Liturgy

Report provided

Hispanic Committee

No report

Church and Family Life Ministry (Hospitality and Relationships)

There was Donut Sunday in March but none in April. Discussed when we are able to open will we do a Donut Sunday – Discussion was that there may be limits on the numbers that can gather so we will need to follow what the State and the Diocese decide.

Discussion about whether or not we should do something online such as a Zoom or a Facebook Live – Father will reach out to Tommy as he would be helpful with this. This would be a nice way to build community and stay in touch – we could see each other.

Liturgy Committee

No report provided

Social Action Committee

No report provided

Stewardship Committee

No report provided

Building and Grounds

Jim Cotrell emailed that he has no updates with the exception that he is taking over the Safety Committee. Sister shared that it became too much for her to manage and Jim Cottrell will be taking over.

Vision 20/20

No report provided

Old Business (Current Initiatives/Un-finished Business)

- A. Parish Council and Vision 2020 Retreat – next steps
 - Cara, Tommy and Laurie will regroup after May 15 for an in person meeting to continue planning. We will dedicate the majority of the May meeting to retreat follow up – we will devote 1 hour to the Retreat. Cara will develop a one pager for review to refresh our memories of what we accomplished at the Retreat. Laurie will also send out the minutes that Tommy wrote.
- B. Streaming Mass during Covid-19 and beyond – we will continue – We have had high quality live streaming – will plan to do all weekend masses and Holy Day masses – discussed that the masses are available to watch later
 - Discussion regarding when we are able to go back to our physical Church – it was asked about cleaning the church and wearing masks – discussed that we will be getting direction from the Diocese on this
- C. Ben gave an update on School activities during COVID – 19
 - Sent the children their books home over spring break
 - Pre-3rd grade have packets that they are doing and they include 5-6 activities per day
 - 4th and 5th grade they have their text books and are meeting on line
 - Middle School are in class from 9-12 on line – those that did not have computers they were given to them to do this part
 - 4-8th grade – teachers are sharing the grades with parents to give them feedback

- Morning Prayer live is wonderful and they are currently doing a Novena – all Facebook Live – there was a very nice right up in the Muscatine Journal regarding the School

New Business

- A. Parish Council Selection/Election in May
 - Hispanic Committee Liaison
 - Church and Family Life Liaison
 - Finance Council Liaison
 - President
- B. Nomination/Selection Committee for Parish Council for PC Selection/Election –
 - After discussion about the upcoming election/selection of new Parish Council Members, with the current status of no in person Masses because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, it was brought to a vote and approved unanimously that the executive committee will “Select” Parish Council Members for 2020-2021. Laurie will send out an invite to get the executive committee together to select 3 Parishioners to be on the Parish Council.
 - We will move to no longer having at least two members of the Council from the Spanish Community (this is in line with one of the goals established during the retreat). Positions will be open in Finance, Church and Family Life and the President position. Robin has decided to not stay on the Council.
- C. New ways to communicate with the Pandemic – What would we like to add to our budget (Flock notes, Evangelus –(product Father saw a webinar about) Sister discussed that she is working with the Public School Principals on some communication mechanisms they have available that she will utilize for Religious Education Next year. Father will discuss with Father Chris and Tommy for their input.
- D. Father Troy will invite Father Chris to attend our May Parish Council Meeting. Father Troy is set to be transitioned to his new Parish July 1, 2020. Robin, Laura and Laurie will work on planning a Farewell Reception for Father Troy

- Next meeting Wednesday May 27th at 6:30 PM via Zoom

Laurie Ludman adjourned the meeting

Closing Prayer: Fr. Hai

Respectfully submitted, Laurie Ludman

May 6, 2020