

Ss. Mary & Mathias Parish Council Minutes

February 24,, 2020

Present: Fr. Troy Richmond, Tim Peters, Fr. Hai Dinh, Annie Almeida, Sister Cheryl Demmer, Judd Anderson, Frank Kelly, Jennifer Radar, Linda Depuydt and Laurie Ludman

Absent: Deacon Tony Mouzon, Refugio Cenicerros, Ben Nietzel, Tommy Fallon, Cara Fuller, 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 January 2020 minutes for review. Minutes were approved as written by all present.

Administrative Reports

Pastor's Report:

Fr. Troy discussed the following:

- Reduced expenses of secretary's from 2 to 1 a (\$45,000) savings. Parish is not in financial peril, we want to keep our investments safe and looking at ways to balance the budget.
- Putting the facility expansion on hold for at least one year.
- Light of the World Retreat is coming up in March. Father encouraged anyone on Parish Council who has not attended the Light of the World retreat to participate. If you have attended Father encourages you to invite someone in the parish to attend the retreat. You will have a personal encounter with Christ. It is set for March 27-30th. There are currently 18 people signed up.
- Parish Council and Vision 2020 Retreat will be held on Saturday February 29th from 8:30 to 2:30 PM. We will be praying over the parish vision and mission and we will be working on becoming more missionary minded within our parish.
- It was suggested to put small church group contact Jeff Frye in the bulletin as he is the coordinator.
- The back door to sacristy is fixed.

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

Finance Council/Business Manager

Reports provided

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)

Report Provided

Liturgy Committee

No report provided

Social Action Committee

Report provided

Stewardship Committee

Report provided

Building and Grounds

Jim Cotrell emailed and the only new information to report is the outside light for the back of Gannon Hall will be delivered on February 24 and he is waiting to hear back from Nelson's on installation timeframe.

Vision 20/20

No report provided

Old Business (Current Initiatives/Un-finished Business)

- Parish Council and Vision 2020 Retreat is rescheduled for February 29th due to the weather.
- Ministry budgets need to start their review – The ministry's need to look at their budget needs for next year and present their budget. Due to the deficit the Parish is operating under the ministry's need to be mindful of expenses. Need to get these to Konrad for review.

New Business

- One of the goals will be to involve the Spanish from a leadership standpoint. Discussed the importance of having all at the table.
- Laura Custus is stepping down from Church and Family Life Ministry Chair – we will need to identify a replacement.
- All materials need to be in Spanish
- Father will be talking about Stewardship and the gift of time this Sunday. The importance of prayer. He will have volunteers to provide witness talks for "Time, Talent and Treasure"
- Discussed that we need to be focusing on missionary discipleship, some resources were suggested : Formed.org and Diocese of Davenport web page –Tommy will email us the links

Next meeting Monday April 27th at 6:30 PM in Gannon Hall

Laurie Ludman adjourned the meeting

Closing Prayer: Fr. Hai

Respectfully submitted, Laurie Ludman

April 26, 2020