

**AGENDA FOR ST. MARK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, September 15, 2020**

Opening Prayer—

**I. ROUTINE MATTERS**

- A. Call to order
- B. Approval of new agenda items

**II. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. **Social Ministries:** Warren Emmer reported that one of our parishioners was planning to go to Bismarck for a second opinion on health issues. Father Kadlec and Warren went to this person's home to celebrate the Anointing of the Sick. She has gone to Bismarck. She had a ride, and did not need our assistance with transportation.
- B. **Liturgy Committee:** No report was submitted.
- C. **Religious education**
  - Jessica Tagestad reported that religious education/faith formation begins Wednesday, September 16. There is a question about whether we will have Kindergarten. As of the moment of the meeting, we were anticipating two first graders. There is a possibility of placing first grade and kindergarten together. We will make that decision on Wednesday as registration takes place to see what our numbers actually are at that time.
  - Grades 7-12 will start in October. Our plan is to continue the Bible study once a month and have speakers come once a month to speak about some dynamic of faith. We are working on the details.
  - There is a plan to have an adult education evening once a month beginning in October. Father is coordinating a few details with Westhope. When that is clarified, we will formally confirm dates for St. Mark's adult education.
- D. **Altar Society:** Vickie Gangl offered that the altar society sent out letters to everyone regarding Fall Supper not being held, asking for a donation to put toward the painting of the social hall. \$3700 has been received, and the bid with a generous discount was \$3,950.
- E. **Knights of Columbus:** Warren Emmer volunteers that the Knights were adversely impacted by Covid-19 with so much fish bought and only one fish fry before the onslaught of Covid-19.
- F. **Cemetery Report:** The west side trees of the cemetery were trimmed by Wayne Barbot and Warren Emmer.
- G. **Financial Report:** Please see the Statement of Financial Position.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **Stonework for portico, still needs to finish stone columns:** Addie Berg reported that Joe Wetter will contact that parish when he does the work on the Four Chaplain Monument. There is some work that parish members can help him with in order to address the remaining stonework that needs to be addressed, particularly with regard to the fixtures on the pillars on the perimeter gateway.
- B. **Marion Honer Memorial, proposal from her family** – The committee does not feel it is able to address this at this time. There is need to look at some long-term planning. Plus, given the cautious financial approach we are taking in the Covid-19 reality, we do not want to assume added expenses. Since at this time we cannot address the project, it was recommended to thank the family, but that since we are unable to honor this request at this time, we have need to return the gift.
- C. **St. Anthony Shrine:** We will take time this autumn/winter to put together a game plan that addresses our short-term and long-term needs, prioritizing, and putting together a process by which to address this need.
- D. **The Exterior Doors:** The Pastoral Council expressed its appreciation to Robbie McGhan who has done some homework with regard to securing a bid and for Lenny McGuire who has done some follow-up work to keep this project moving forward. Adam Beyer agreed to interface with Kathy McGhan, Laverne Hight – if available, and Lenny McGuire to do some further homework to move this project to the next level.
- E. **Parking Lot Update:** Jessica Tagestad will contact the County about the cost to fill-in our low spots in the parking lot where ponding is taking place, and then check with a contractor about doing a double chip seal. She will also inquire about the cost of overlay.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Christmas Charities:** After some conversation, it was decided to have the Right to Life Giving Tree and Cheer Box Tree for Christmas charities.
- B. **VFW conversation with Father Kadlec:** The VFW and its Auxiliary spoke to Father Kadlec to thank the parish for trimming the lilac bushes around the Four Chaplains Monument. Also, they expressed their desire to work with the Four Chaplain Association to secure funds to clean up the monument at no expense to the parish. They also showed Father Kadlec some brochures on the Four Chaplains Monument that they will give to the parish.
- C. **Camera:** What to do in regard to an updated replacement of the camera in the choir loft? In 2017, monies were received in the amount of \$500. Designated funds were \$500. Another donor gave a gift of which \$500 may be used for a camera. A grant was received from Catholic United Financial \$500 that is to be used for something with technology. There was some discussion about a past conversation about portable screen. The consensus of the Council was to look at applying all monies toward a camera that could potentially be integrated into security/indoor surveillance. Comments were made that the current camera has a grainy picture. In large funerals, big weddings, or Sundays requiring overflow in the social hall, the camera image could be projected via HDMI cable to the large screen television in the social hall with a clearer picture than is currently experienced. Warren Emmer agreed to reach out to Mike Nero to study and explore options, and report back to the Finance Council
- D. **On-Line Giving:** What is your opinion of on-line giving? It was recommended to look at this option further; some input from FNB was provided; it was decided to seek input from on line giving source and then the input will be forwarded to the Finance Council, to make the final call on this matter.
- E. **Cacti Plants:** As winter approaches, what do we do with the cacti outside in the Mary Garden? Mr. Barbot noted that since the cactus plants in question belong to Vickie Gangl, it is not within the jurisdiction of the Council to be making any final decisions about where the plants should relocate. The Council gave her permission, if she so wished, to advertise in the bulletin on this matter.
- F. **Drain Ditch:** What to do regarding the recommendation for a ditch behind the social hall leading to 4<sup>th</sup> Ave? It was the recommendation of the Council to ask Jessica Tagestad to study that matter and report back to the Council with options.
- G. **Gutters:** What is the update on the gutter conversation on the rectory? Warren Emmer will reach out the Dennis Lagasse to see whether he would help us address the hole in the gutter.
- H. **Security/Locking Doors:** Warren Emmer will study and propose a plan to look at options that would encompass the potential for locking of church doors at night, surveillance camera(s), a coded lock on social hall that could be given to parishioners so that they could have access to locked church for prayer, active shooter scenario and what to do, etc.
- I. **Administrative: job description:** The Council asking for a copy of the job description for Vickie Gangl. An electronic copy will be provided to Council members.
- J. **Parish Council Elections:** The time has arrived to anticipate parish council elections by the Feast of Christ the King. Vickie Gangl will research to see whose terms are expiring and the state of everyone else's terms on Pastoral Council.
- K. **Spring and Fall Clean-up Day:** The Council agreed it would be fortuitous to have an annual Spring and Fall clean-up day. A question was posed whether we needed to have a Fall clean-up day yet in 2020. Another question was asked in regard to the painting. Is the painter anticipating us to wipe down the woodwork and do a clean-up before his arrival? Vickie Gangl agreed to reach out the painter to find out his expectations.
- L. **Locking Doors:** More folks have asked us to take another look at whether we would consider locking doors at night. Since this has already been addressed in previous discussion, it was asked that Warren Emmer incorporate this into the security conversation.
- M. **Long Term Planning:** Identification of needs and how to create structures/processes to address identified needs: Father Kadlec asked everyone on Council for October to prepare written reports for the Council Committees. We will take the entire meeting in October to begin what will be a long-term conversation to encompass at least the Winter and greater part of Spring of 2021. This conversation cannot be rushed but needs a great deal of input, including and especially the greater parish community.

Next Meeting will be on October 13, 2020 at 6:00pm.