

ST. MARK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

- Members present:** Fr. Jared Kadlec, Warren Emmer, Pete Artz, Morris Holen Jr., Adam Beyer, Jody Rosendahl, and Mary Gorder;
Lay directors: Wayne Barbot and Addie Berg;
Secretary-Vickie Gangl.
- Absent:** Jessica Tagestad was absent.

COMMENCEMENT

The meeting commenced at 6:00 p.m. with an opening prayer led by Fr. Jared Kadlec.

Welcome the new members of the Pastoral Council

Fr. Jared welcomed Morris Holen Jr. and Mary Gorder as the newly elected members of the Parish Council. He also expressed his gratitude to all those who were willing to serve by having their names placed on ballot.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS— WRITTEN REPORTS

Social Ministries – nothing to report

Liturgy Committee

Father Kadlec expressed gratitude to the Liturgical Committee for the superlative decorations for Advent and Christmas season. The Wilmot family was noted for their dedication to the season's prayerful space, indoors and outdoors.

Religious education (Mary Gorder/Jessica Tagestad)

Classes started again on January 6th for K-12 following the holiday break.

Altar Society

Everything was put on hold as far as restructuring until the March meeting when Vickie came down with COVID in November. Donna Porter and Bobbi Aus did the kitchen inventory in November and submitted the inventory count to Vickie when she returned to work at the end of December. It showed that we needed to order forks, spoons, and bar spatulas since we only have half of what the inventory showed in 2015. Everything else is in good shape. We plan to have a meeting to discuss the restructuring within the next couple of months. Vickie placed an order for the forks, spoons and bar spatulas on Monday, January 11th.

Knights of Columbus – no report.

Cemetery Report – no report.

Maintenance Overview – no report.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Financial Report

Addie Berg led us through the financial reports, explaining and pointing out the different amounts that needed to be brought to our attention. Our parishioners have been very generous financially to our parish during this COVID year. We are in good financial shape to continue our mission as church for the coming year. The cemetery is also in good shape financially, as is the Altar Society. Financial reports are available on our website.

OLD BUSINESS

The Exterior Doors: Father Kadlec reported that:

- At the December meeting of the Finance Council, the finance members reviewed the recommendation of the Pastoral Council to proceed with the glass doors (Champagne finish to highlight outdoor pillars; and bronze tint to the glass. After much discussion, the Finance Council approved the purchase and installation of the glass doors.
- The doors have been ordered and hopefully will be able to be installed on or before March 15th.
- If any members have any questions, they can contact Lenny McGuire.
- Father Kadlec also said that the transom will be squared in the champagne finish and that glass will be adhered to give the transom the effect of windows in the bronze tint.
- There was a question in policy compliance regarding disposal of the old doors. Father Kadlec will seek the counsel of the Diocesan Property Manager, Earl Wilhelm, to see what may be required to dispose of or recycle these doors.

Twice Blessed

Warren Emmer reported that St. Mark's set out to raise \$600 and wound up raising \$915. We do know that more gifts were mailed directly to the Minot address, so we are confident that we raised over \$1,000. We are very proud of our generous parishioners. BACMA has a cap of \$6,500, money that will be used to help indigent peoples in our area. It was the sentiment of members that we are delighted to have another avenue of help for people looking for assistance. It was noted that since we had minimal involvement in this campaign in the past, Father Kadlec was reluctant to refer individuals. We can refer people now without hesitation knowing that we have done "our fair share."

Parking Lot Update

Jessica Tagestad communicated with Fr. Kadlec that she is awaiting some information and costs from the County on proceeding with a seal coat in the spring. This spring the low spots will still need to be filled in preparation for a seal coat.

Update on lighting

Mary Gorder reported that this project is still being studied to provide entrance indoor lighting on the north entrance of the social hall. However, in the meantime, it was preliminarily discovered that the light switch next to the aforementioned north entrance is connected to the outdoor lighting on the east entrance of the social hall. The team has to look to see what other possibilities there might be in terms of solutions to this discovery.

Camera

Warren Emmer reported that our camera is in place and ready to go. We are now capable of live-streaming the Mass. The camera provides a very sharp picture to the Social Hall TV in case of overflow. It was noted that in the event of overflow use, the ushers have been instructed to not use the audio on the television, but rather to turn on the audio system tapped into the church microphone system.

NEW BUSINESS

Lent –

- **Soup suppers:** After discussion, it was decided to forego soup suppers this year because of COVID and poor attendance in previous years.
- **Stations of the Cross:** Stations of the Cross will be held on Wednesdays during Lent at 6:00pm in the Church. They will be led by the various groups as in previous years.
- **Bible Study and/or prayer groups?** Fr. Kadlec has recommended a prayer study that we will use this Lent entitled "*Oremus*." It is prayer based on *Lectio Divina* and will last for eight weeks.
- **Collections for Fr. Jack and the Maryknoll Sisters** – A collection will be taken after Stations and be divided between the two causes: Friends of Chimbote (Fr. Jack) and the Maryknoll Sisters.

Security: What are our next steps?

- When the new glass doors are installed and all doors have locks, we will have the capability to lock the facility at night.
- There is a keypad by the north social hall door that will allow parishioners access to the facility when they come in to pray "after hours."
- Warren stated that he would like to have a safety training session with all ushers so that they will know what to do and how to help the parishioners in case of different emergency scenarios. Following this training, he will then have a brief talk for all parishioners at Mass.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m. with prayer led by Father Kadlec

Next meeting on Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Respectfully submitted,
Vickie Gangl, secretary