

St. Ambrose Parish Council Meeting

June 9, 2020 7PM

PRESENT: Dave Rutten, Father Albert Kamboi, Janet Romyak, Mary Henschl Early, Jackie Shirey,  
Mike Hodgkinson, Judie Maliszewski.

ON ZOOM: Paul Rahn, Marilyn Thornburg.

ABSENT: Alex Wydick, Deacon Hal Bohan

OPENING PRAYER: Father Albert

Paul Rahn read a note from Anne Vosters. Due to her husband Steve's cancer she is resigning from the parish council.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE: Mike Hodgkinson reported that he has a quote for \$4700.00 to stain the church overhangs. Mike moved that we accept this quote, seconded by Jackie Shirey and was passed by consensus. Mike will get a quote for repairing the cement on the front walk of the church and an exit path for the southeast door. A short discussion followed on updates needed in the rectory.

Minutes from the May Parish Council meeting were approved by consensus after correcting the omission of Anne Voster's name from the list of members present.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Although year to date income is down, Jackie Shirey reported that May was a good income month. The budget is being met because expenses have remained under budget for the year. Priest salaries were paid by the diocese for the months of May and June due to the pandemic. Jackie also reports that she contacted Spectrum for Wi-Fi in the church and activity center, it will take 30-60 day for installation and the cost is \$127.00 per month per building.

MONTHLY CALENDAR: Marilyn Thornburg reminded everyone to give her any dates for activities within the parish. It was decided at this time to keep the Mass schedule as it is for now. July 18<sup>th</sup> at 2PM will be the Mass for the 1<sup>st</sup> Communicants. July 16<sup>th</sup> will be a family dinner with Covid guidelines followed.

MASSES: Parishioners are using e-mail to RSVP for Masses and it is going well. Jackie Shirey requested that the names be put in alphabetical order to facilitate the ushers verifying attendee names. A discussion followed about how the procedures required due to Covid are being implemented at the Masses. Father Albert will also be doing daily Masses on Fridays at 9:15 in the Chapel.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE: The Kalamazoo Literacy Council will be holding classes for any volunteers who would be interested in teaching English to immigrants.

HOSPITALITY ACTIVITIES: The retirement party for Father Jim is on hold due to the Covid Pandemic. All present agreed that a Parish reunion party for this year needs to remain on hold for the same reason.

PARISH COMMUNICATION: There was a discussion on the need to keep the parish web site up to date. Father Albert suggested forming a committee to meet with him and Vicky from the diocesan office to determine how to progress with updates. Dave Rutten asked Marilyn to contact Rob Farrell to put on the web site when Masses are scheduled and that RSVP's are needed to attend.

Janet Romyak announced that her term of office is over and she is resigning due to personal and family obligations. All members expressed their appreciation of all that she has done.

Father Albert announced that Father Mike Hazard will be moving into the rectory this week. Father Albert invited council members to come to the rectory after the meeting so everyone could be familiar with the rectory and input on future needs.

Next month closing prayer: Dave Rutten.

Closing Prayer: Father Albert

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Submitted by Judie Maliszewski