

St. Catherine of Alexandria

Minutes - Parish Council Meeting

March 23, 2021 7:00pm

Members Present: Jeff Differding, Ken Reid, Joan Smith, Msgr. Skonseng, Micki Isensee, Joe Zubrod, Steve Jorissen, Deacon Joe Leitner, Josh Gow, Jodie Scherr, Roberta Lemnus

Also Present: Melissa Woinarowicz

Monsignor led an opening prayer.

**Additions to the Agenda** – Msgr. added members terms to new business.

**Approval of the Minutes** – were approved via email.

**Old Business:**

**Covid Update** - Monsignor noted he plans to take the ropes down for Holy Week. Will continue to encourage masks. There was discussion on space downstairs for overflow seating or space in the choir loft. A recommendation to let people know in advance of coming changes.

**Year of St. Joseph** – Msgr. recommended the book “Consecration to St. Joseph” which is available for purchase in the parish office. He is considering a pilgrimage to St. Joseph’s parish in Devil’s Lake. The National Shrine to St. Joseph in Wisconsin was also suggested as a pilgrimage site.

**New Business:**

**Lenten Mission Review** – Steve thought the material was good. Micki thought it was good to hear basic/solid catholic teaching on the Eucharist. Discussion regarding thoughts on a Mission for next year. Micki noted the Spiritual Lift committee is exploring speakers for next year.

**Envelopes** – Melissa noted that she was interested in looking at alternative options for the youth giving. It was suggested that making giving a part of family faith formation next year as part of the parent education might be a good idea.

**Committee and Department Reports:**

**Pastor’s report** – Monsignor noted he really enjoyed the parish mission. He was Impressed that the speaker brought the Monstrance donated by St. Katherine Drexel. Confirmation and 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion will be celebrated at St. Catherine’s this coming Friday. There are snow melt issues in the rectory roof. Shawn Cole will work on damage from last year in the rectory.

**Education report** - See attached report.

**Building and Grounds** – The water leaking into the church basement is being addressed. The Kitchen Floor quote was attached. The Finance Council requested a 2<sup>nd</sup> quote. This will be a summertime project as it will require a shutdown of the area for a couple of weeks.

**Finance** - Ken reported on Finance. He highlighted the YTD comparison. Income continues to be up from last year.

**Social Concerns** – Four new parishioners have come to St. Catherine's. Micki has put together a welcome packet and is meeting with each new family, giving them a tour, and a gift bag with banana bread. She plans to take their pictures and put them in the bulletin with an introductory note. They have received requests for donations from a number of organizations. Joan made a motion to donate 300.00 to the NDSU Newman center bike race. Micki seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Spiritual Life Committee** – Committee members took meals to Fr. Kubicki for the mission. Carol Jabs and Gayle Coles are working on future mission plans.

**Nearly Nu** – Ken reported that profits were down about 4,000 from last year. Real Estate taxes were due. Net of (4,500.00) for the month.

**Cemetery** – A draft of the newsletter was included with meeting attachments. No updates on the sexton. Will meet next on April 11<sup>th</sup> in between the Masses.

**Other Business** – Member Terms: This year, Jeff, Joan, and Diane's terms are up. Next year, Roberta, and Ken's terms are up.

Jeff made a motion, seconded by Joan to Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned.

Monsignor led a closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by Melissa Woinarowicz