

St. Ignatius Parish Council Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2021

Present: Father Meyer, Monsignor Callaghan, Connie Nelson, Roger Millner, Sam Millner, Pat Athman, Jerry Rudolph, Jen Holte, Julie Petersen

Absent: Bruce Stuhr, Red Petersen

Guests: Tim Waldschmidt- Synod Committee, Jeff Burkhardt- Finance Committee, Jo Logeais- Finance Committee

The Parish Council Meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m.

Opening prayer- Father Meyer

Meeting Minutes

April minutes approved unanimously via email.

New Business

Tim Waldschmidt presented the Synod Committee's recent parish survey results. They will be shared with the parish the weekend of June 5-6, 2021. A brief summary will be explained during the Masses and the Synod Ambassadors will be available following the Masses for questions and and further information.

The Synod Ambassadors will continue to plan the next steps in the Synod Process. Small groups from our parish will meet in the fall to pray, study, and discuss focus areas from year 1. The Archdiocese requested that all other Adult Faith Formation groups be put on hold during the assigned time period of September 19- November 14, 2021 to focus on the Synod. Those groups will be encouraged to continue to meet using the Synod material. As the process continues more information will be shared from the Synod Ambassadors.

Jeff Burkhardt clarified questions about the budget of committees within the parish and explained appropriation versus budgeting .

Old Business

Graduation Mass has been planned for May 22-32, 2021 and invitations have been emailed. The graduates will receive a gift of a book "Don't Be Afraid to Say Yes to God!" by Pope Francis with reflections by Fr. Mike Schmitz, a miraculous medal, a St. Ignatius water bottle with Jeremiah 29:11 Bible verse on it, and sweet treats.

Pastors/Trustees Reports

Father- As things are opening up more, we want to be ready to welcome back and reconnect with parishioners and meet their needs.

The Archbishop Flynn Catechetical Institute, part of the the Seminaries of Saint Paul provides faith formation for Catholic adults of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. They have chosen St. Timothy Church to be a satellite location. Large and small group lessons, as well as visiting speakers will be part of this opportunity. There will be more information coming in the weeks ahead.

Monsignor Callaghan- Studies have shown The Archbishop Flynn Catechetical Institute has been very successful for those who have participated in the areas of deeper spiritual understanding, personal prayer, and the vitality of parishes.

Connie- Pandemic related social distancing restrictions at church will end May 28, just in time for the Memorial Day weekend. There will be pews on the left hand side set up with social distancing to accommodate and make all parishioners feel comfortable. The Archdiocese has resources for "Back to Mass" ideas that parishes can use to share with parishioners. It is suggested the Parish Council use this opportunity to reach out and invite parishioners back.

We have reached out to the different ministries with emails and phone calls to invite them back to serve at Mass.

Monsignor Callaghan closed the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Julie Petersen

St. Ignatius Parish Council Secretary

The next Parish Council Meeting will be June 17, 2021