

Parish Council Minutes April 22, 2021

Attendance: Fr. Chuck Barthel, Gary Leiendecker, Sandy Hoffmann, Carol Mason, Mary Gudinas, Dave Baranowski, Deacon Randy Howe, Becky McDonnell, Rob Telthorst, Mary Ann Schulte), Maura Clancy, Kim Blackford, Cheryl Degenhart, Jeanne Rothermel, Steve Maurer, Lous Scully, Hana Nguyen, Matt Clancy

Absent:

March Minutes

- Approved

Follow-up from discussions / presentations at previous meetings

1. New Council Members introduce themselves

Steve: 22 year parish member. The parish has given back to him 100% so he wants to help. Major projects are something he can help the parish with. Grown children.

Hana: youth chair. Respect life club, NHS, lacrosse, little sister/big sister program.

Matt: 4 children. In the parish for 15-16 years. Involved in several aspects of the parish. Wants to give back to the parish.

Louise: 21 years parish member. Involved in several aspects and ready to help.

2. Elect New Vice Chair - Communications - working with the parish office. Running the PC elections.

Steve Maurer was elected.

3. Discern for new Health and Social Chairs:

Social - Louis

Health - Matt

4. Becky - Joe will be talking about our next major projects video

5. Dave - \$1792 - 360 signs sold

6. Dave - bell history with the parish: started with a speaker system purchased from an army surplus store. They would play bells and music. Between 1990-2000, the bells were gone. When the new roof was put on, the speaker was taken off.

St. Louis Co guidelines: there are no ordinances for church bells. Within the CO guidelines, there are rules about how loud something can be. The board would vote if there was a complaint registered against the bells.

When do you ring the bells: there are no rules about when to ring them. Catholic Customs and Traditions: announce a mass, funerals, weddings, the Gloria on feast days and Easter Vigil, noon, 6pm.

The parish is able to get the bells based on the research and CO guidelines.

How many parishes have bells?

Is an outdoor PA system more economical than just bells?

The system that would be looked at would be more of a speaker system - Carillon speaker system.

Next step would be to get a bid package.

Commission Reports

Admin/Finance: Mary Gudinas

Christian Formation: Kim Blackford

Baby Shower for Birthright of Hillsboro was the biggest in years.

Archdiocese is sponsoring many activities around Abortion Healing Ministry, including a day of reflection on May 8.

Christian Service: Rob Telthorst

In person mission work is still a challenge so we discussed some alternatives including how to contact our elected officials via virtual lobbying. There are some in person service missions open including helping various food pantries and the outside work noted below. St. Anthony's needs volunteers for the tomato plant project.

Missionary Discipleship: Jeanne Rothermel

Health: Mary Ann Schulte

Blood Drive May 11th There are still 2 or 3 volunteer positions available. The donation time is from 2 to 7pm.

Healing Prayer Service: Friday, April 30th at 7pm.

Liturgy: Carol Mason

Social: Becky McDonnel

May 23 Pentecost Celebration- Farewell party for Ed Lew, Linda, Ken, and Mary Ann after 11 am mass. There will be catered food, wine, and slide shows that keep rolling (on the big TVs).

July 12-16 Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School

July 31 50th Jubilee Mass with the Archbishop and Dinner. Our first parish mass was on Sunday, July 31st, 1971. This will be a catered event.

Sept. 19 - Pasta Dinner

Oct. 16 HOMECOMING EVENT- Church picnic and big party to celebrate our 50th Jubilee! We are hoping this will be like a Mary Mother Reunion. Spread the word to all those who used to be a part of our community!

Oct. 23 Trunk-or-Treat

Oct. 29 Bunko

Dec. 3 Advent Glow

Dec. 12 Happy Birthday Jesus Party

Jan. 29 Progressive Dinner

Jubilee

1. Memory book- we are starting to make photo pages on PowerPoint to form a digital version of the book. We are also collecting stories to include in the presentation.

2. We will be purchasing light pole banners for the Jubilee. Cost to be determined.

3. T-shirt production is on the backburner.

4. Dick Drury is creating games and puzzles to add to the Jubilee fun. The first one, 50 pictures that have a connection to the number 50, is available in print and on the website. Three more picture puzzles are in production and will be rolled out about once a month.

Youth: Maura Clancy

Prayer Group every Wednesday night from 8 to 9 pm in the Youth Room

Sunday, April 25 – Service – Afternoon or evening to be determined - Making poster size signs for 4 or 5 Long Term Care/Retirement Facilities – Orchid Terrace, Our Lady of Life – Retirement, Friendship Village and Nazareth - We are cancelling this service project and will do it in the future since so many teens have other things going on this Sunday.

Thursday, May 13th Confirmation & Reception - will take care of the reception as long as it has been approved to have one.

Sunday, May 16th Basketball 7 to 9 pm

Sunday, May 23 Spiritual Movie night 7 to 9 pm

Comments from Cheryl Degenhart, Director of Faith Formation

First Communion this Sunday - 14 children

Confirmation - rehearsal is May 10 with Confirmation May 13

PSR ends next week

Faith Alive In the Home - facilitators may begin to visit families again. Facilitators and directors will meet in May to create lesson plans and packets for new facilitators.

Vacation Bible School registrations are ready.

FORMED membership has increased. A coaching session was offered. It will most likely be a Zoom meeting. 3 new courses - each will be presented by nationally known people.

Comments from the Vice-Chair

Day of formation may be possible

Annual Parish Leadership Meeting - what topic would be good for the parish leaders?

Reflections / Updates from the chairman

- Spoke with Ann working on having cell phone numbers listed in the directory - Time consuming issue. This will not be done this year due to the timing. This might be able to be done for the picture directory.
- New council member presented to the parish? When should this be done?
- Masses are starting to get more full. People are not coming because certain masses are signing up fast. Should the parish hall be open every week? Most people are not signing up early. No one has ever been turned away. How do we get Greg help to turn around the parish hall so this can happen? Greg is getting busier with the season changing. Will the dispensation for not attending mass be removed? Until social distancing requirements change, we will have to use the parish hall weekly if this is removed. Are the numbers consistent? Numbers will be looked at during the month of May. If the trend of more people continues, we will open the parish hall in June. Additional hospitality ministers would be needed.
- Parking lot - striping the lot \$150-200,000. In the past, we have removed parts of the parking lot then pave the whole lot. Gary has been doing research and will be meeting with someone to look at the lot to give us a different opinion. If Ann could be there, that would be a positive. Someone from Ad/Fin as well. Gary will let us know more details and specifics on this meeting.

Reflections / Updates from Fr. Chuck

Linda is retiring from the parish office.

May 23 will be the reception for the retirees at the Riley Center.

ACA response has been strong. \$37,000 has been pledged.

If you need a vaccine, please let Fr. Chuck know. He can help get appointments.

The banners for the jubilee are finished.

Light pole banners - three light standards on the east and south lot. 6 poles by sidewalks. 2 are in trees. Where should the banners be placed? The banners will be there around a year. Banner design has not been decided.

What's the Buzz in the Parish / Neighborhood???

Neighborhood teams: when someone moves in to the parish, we would be able to support and provide outreach. Stewardship is looking at this.

Next Meeting May 27,2021