

**St. John the Baptist**

**Parish Council Meeting Minutes**

**March 18, 2021**

*Members Present:* Laura Soule, Leonard Charron, Laurie Oliver, Fr. Dan Jordan Michaela Vida, Jeremy Hurtubise, Adam Choquette Fr. Richard Calapan, Deacon George Flower, Ex-Officio member

*Members Absent:* Karoline Flower, Rachel Keyser, Patrick Hayes

*Others Present:*

Fr. Jordan led the opening prayer and meeting was called to order 7:07 pm.

Laura welcomed new members to the Council and thanked them for taking on the role: Michaela Vidal and Adam Choquette.

Motion was made and seconded for approval of minutes from the January 21, 2021 meeting.

- Approved minutes will be provided to George for posting to the website.

Old Business:

- Connecting with Parish members during COVID
  - Have been calling some of the older parish members to check in.
- Sled Raffle – Raised \$606.00 Winner of the sled was Derek Vaillancourt. Purchased Lenten banner with part of the proceeds.
- Vibrant Parish Goals – refresher of the goals that resulted from the 2019 DMI Parish Survey
  - Fr. Dan expressed that the Diocese has put a reminder to priests to review
  - Suggestions made to consider planning a parish-wide event when things open. More discussion at future meeting.

New Business:

- Laura introduced the Flocknotes software as an option to maintain current member information and engage people in different ministries. There is a cost after 40 members. A Flocknote subcommittee was suggested to do further review and business case to discuss further. To be scheduled the week after Easter for members who are interested. 7:00pm Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup>. Laurie will follow up Sue to put an invite in the bulletin.
- Monument for new burial plot for the pre-born. Laura shared that a plot was created in the Catholic Cemetery for babies that died prior to their birth or were stillborn. A suggestion was brought forth to erect a monument for the plot, teaching of the right to remains, or procuring containers to provide to families or the hospital. Promote the dignity of life from conception.
- Easter flowers – decision by council to order flowers

- Holy Week 2021 Changes:
  - Holy Thursday Altar of repose - No procession and we will work to create an Altar of Repose in the church. There will be no washing of the feet or candles.
  - Good Friday – no veneration of the cross
  - Easter Vigil – will be lighting the candles once

Next meeting scheduled for April 15th at 7:00 p.m.

Closing Prayer. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Oliver  
Secretary  
April 15, 2021