

Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 18, 2020
Approved June 17, 2020

Opening Prayer – Fr. Louis Nelen

Proclamation – Fr. Louis Nelen

Call to Order – Edith Vogel.

Presentation – Presentation by Propst Builders and Missouri Solar Applications, LLC.

Roll Call – Darlene Kliethermes

Present: Fr. Louis Nelen, Spencer Allen, Dena Brand, Jennifer Case, Andrea Olsen Mike Wilson and Edith Vogel.

Absent: Bill Case and Michael Suresh

Minutes of January 21, 2020 Meeting Reviewed – Approved as written.

Pastor's Report – Fr. Louis Nelen

Foundation

- The Foundation Board approved spending for security cameras for the stairwells at school and for a new electronic marquee for in front of the school. They also approved to help with the costs for renovating the meeting rooms downstairs in the parish office and a coffee maker for the undercroft.
- **Divine Worship & Spiritual Development**
- Ash Wednesday services will be changed for this year. There will only be 3 Masses. 6:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. with the Bishop and 12:10 p.m. There will be no evening Mass.
- March 14, 2020 is Vocation Reflection Day with the Relic of the Apostle St. Jude. There will be Mass at 8:00 a.m. and the Bishop will have Mass at 5:30 p.m. We are trying to get the Relic of Padre Pio for next year.
- **Finance Report**
- Happy to report that we are ahead on our budget as of this date.
- We still have not received the final report from our audit of the parish.

Religious Ed

- Confirmation count for our group is approximately 110 kids. There are four groups having confirmation at the Cathedral and for all the kids that are confirmed at the Cathedral, they must all be written in our confirmation sacramental book.
- Prep for First Communion and Confirmation is continuing. Confirmation for our group is on Sunday, April 26, 2020 at the 10:00 Mass and First Communion is on Saturday, May 2, 2020 at the 5:30 Mass.
- **RCIA** – we do not have any candidates this year.
- **Vocations** – We have approximately five young men that have shown interest in attending the seminary. There are none from our parish.
- Fr. Duncan is trying to keep everything moving along as best he can with the absence of Fr. Aubuchon due to his health issues.
- Don't expect any new programs or news coming out of Vocations office for a while as they are not adding anything but rather just trying to keep all the current programs and events running smoothly.
- **Knights of Columbus**
- Knights sold 239 tickets so far for the raffle drawing and there were 4 winners at the first drawing.
- The first fish fry is February 28th. There will be a total of four this year.

Cathedral School Report –by Spencer Allen

- We have been fortunate so far this year with very few cases of influenza. We encourage parents to keep their kids home when they are sick. Our custodians are doing a super job keeping everything wiped down and sanitized.
- Our school is preparing for next year's self-study, which is part of the accreditation process. We are getting data together so we can set up our teams and get reports written. Mr. Allen had the opportunity to run the team for the Rolla parish and came back with many great ideas.
- Mr. Allen announced some of the updates coming thanks to the Foundation: new LED marquee for in front of the school; security cameras for the stairwells; and new math textbooks.
- We are looking ahead at our science and social studies curricula to be ready in the event there are updates coming in with our new superintendent. The junior high writing and literature teachers are doing some next-level professional development to get the students writing more intensely than they already do.
- We are getting ready to remodel some of the hallways, the commons, and bathrooms in the original structure.
- There are no changes to the staff so far except that our after-school care director, Denise Barnes, has accepted a position with the diocese. Mr. Allen said he would be happy to keep all our current staff and feels like we have a great team.

- Annie Crider is leading our school stewardship group to get ideas and work up plans to get all our new and existing school families initiated, oriented, cultivated and then invited to bring them into a stewardship mindset.

Helias Advisory Board Report – No report.

Old Business –

- **Renovations**
- We now have all our architects lined up. Architects Alliance will be our local company and they will oversee the whole project.
- Criteria Architect is Bill Heyer is from Ohio. He is a liturgical expert and he will be working on the interior and some on the gathering space.
- John-Paul Buzard will be the organ builder and he comes out of Illinois.

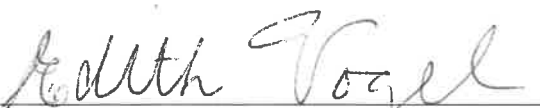
New Business –

- **Stewardship**
- Bishop McKnight wants people to see stewardship a little differently. One of the ways is to redraw all the boundaries of the parishes. You can register and belong to any parish you want. The idea is when you register in a parish that you commit to the mission of that parish. That is to take care of the people and institutions within its boundaries. The way the boundaries are falling we are going to propose that St. Mary's Hospital be a part of the Cathedral Parish.
- It has been decided that all volunteers need to be compliant with Virtus. It has been simplified so once you have given permission for the background check it will just continue, and you won't have to sign a new form each time. School families will be affected in that you won't be able to volunteer or chaperone at school events with your child unless you are Virtus compliant.
- For those people that only volunteer say for working at a dinner or fish fry, then you can just run their name through the National Registry.
- We will use the old guidelines set by the Parish Council as a starting point to update the definitions and expectations.
- **Bishop's Lenten Program**
- This is a 4-session program. There will be small groups that will meet here, and teachers are doing one. All the materials are on-line. This will impact the Parish Council in that when the small groups write out all their thoughts and they will be given to us to sort out. Hopefully, we get good feedback from these meetings. Then it will go to the diocese for them to determine what they can do to help us complete the suggested ideas.

Closing prayer – Fr. Nelen

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 21, 2020, 6:00 P.M. in the Parish Office

Respectfully submitted: Darlene Kliethermes



 Edith Vogel, President

Date: June 17, 2020