

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

Opening Prayer – Fr. Louis Nelen

Proclamation – Fr. Louis Nelen

Call to Order – Edith Vogel.

Roll Call – Darlene Kliethermes

Present: Fr. Louis Nelen, Dena Brand, Jennifer Case, Aaron Hildreth, Erin Lammers, Melanie Lanigan, Chandra Prasad, Morgan Trimble, Mike Wilson, and Edith Vogel.

Absent: Spencer Allen

Minutes of February 18, 2020 Meeting Reviewed – Approved as written.

Pastor's Report – Fr. Louis Nelen

Foundation

- The Foundation Board meets next Friday so there is not a new report tonight. The Foundation has been very generous to the school recently and for that we are thankful.

Divine Worship & Spiritual Development

- Since the Bishop's Decree of June 15th, you can now receive Holy Communion on the tongue. There will need to be special procedures in place to keep everyone safe.

Finance Report

- We officially met our 2019-20 offertory goal this past weekend. The finance committee has suggested that we just freeze the amount for our goal next year. We are still in good financial condition as our parishioners have continued to give throughout this pandemic. We are thankful for this as there are many churches which have not been as fortunate.

Religious Ed

- There is new information coming out for teacher training on-line for faculty and staff in our schools. It allows for stages in the program from beginners to more advanced classes.

RCIA – no report

Vocations

- As many may already know, Ryan Bax has decided to withdraw from priestly formation. There are unfortunately a few others that have left as well. We still have Derek Hooper from our parish who was just ordained to the diaconate.
- We also have two men from the parish who have been recommended to the Bishop for the next permanent diaconate group.

Knights of Columbus

- Most all activities were cancelled up to this point.
- Next thing coming up will be the back-to-school pancake breakfast.

Cathedral School Report –by Spencer Allen, No Report

Helias Advisory Board Report – No report.

Youth Board Report - by Julie Gramlich. See written report.

Old Business –

Renovations

- We will be moving forward in two separate phases, the Cathedral proper and the undercroft. Nothing will happen on the Cathedral plans until after October, as the plans must go before the priests at the priest institute. The architects are still working on the plans and getting things ready.
- The undercroft is a separate phase. Bishop McKnight has given us permission to proceed at any pace we so choose. We are starting to work on some initial ideas and hope to get some feedback from the parish council which will then present the ideas to the parish. We could very well be done with the undercroft before we start on the Cathedral.
- Plans now are to fix the floors and ceiling and not have it look like an unfinished basement. There are some preliminary ideas of how to use wood to soften the look. Ideas about how to use the structural beams under the drop ceiling. There will also be an elevator between the undercroft and the Cathedral gathering space. Most work will be cosmetic except for the elevator and kitchen. We will receive input from foodservice experts to help with the redesign of the kitchen.
- Bathrooms will be redone, and different railings will need to be installed in the stairwells to bring them up to code.
- Question was asked if there would be opportunity for possibly allowing some volunteers to help and a chance for Helias' students to earn service credit. That will have to be addressed as we get further into the project and have secured plans.

- It is expected that funding for the undercroft will be the responsibility of the parish and the diocese will help to support a significant portion of the renovation of the Cathedral proper.

New Business –

Roofs

- The roofs on most all our buildings were damaged in the hailstorm, which includes the rectory, school, and the Cathedral. We are working with Brad Copeland from the diocese and with the insurance company to come up with plans for repair. It is a slow process and very frustrating.

Pastoral Plan

- Bishop McKnight would like for us to find common themes and ideas that came from the small groups. He wants us to identify activities that would be sustainable and necessary that we could work on in the next three years.
- There was a lively discussion, and many good ideas came from what the small groups provided as their concerns. The most common of these were 1) how to get parishioners involved and volunteering at the parish; 2) the need for more Catholic education and resources available to all parishioners; 3) get the youth more involved. These ideas will be put together and made available in what we prepare to present to the Bishop.

Livestreaming of Masses

- Fr. Nelen asked the parish council for their thoughts about livestreaming our Masses.
- Are the homebound able to use media to get to our Masses? Believe it is important to try to provide outreach to this group of people. Some have problems staying connected to our current livestreaming. Bishop McKnight is open to making our livestreaming better. Concerned whether people will come back to church if livestreaming is made available for the indefinite future.

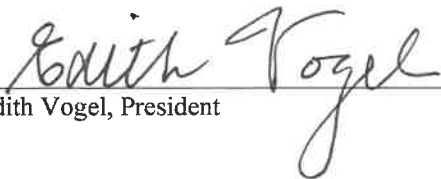
Mass restrictions

- People may decide for themselves whether they are ready to come back to Mass; we will strongly encourage, but not force, the use of masks at this time. Just want people to be smart and safe.

Closing prayer – Fr. Nelen

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 18, 2020, 6:00 P.M. in the Parish Office

Respectfully submitted: Darlene Kliethermes



Edith Vogel, President

Date: August 18, 2020

Youth Ministry Report June 2020

The Cathedral parish is hosting Totus Tuus June 21-26th. There are 26 kids registered. 20- 1st thru 6th grades and six for 7-12th grades. We will be in the undercroft and Cathedral 9-2:30 and 7:30-9:30pm.

Thursday June 25th we will have XLT-Adoration in the Cathedral for the high schools kids and any parishioners to attend. We plan to advertise it as a time of prayer for Fr. Aubuchon as well.

After meeting with the 5 high school students for the Youth Summit last month. We are discussing a new "Youth" board led by the youth of the parish. These students had some great ideas for incorporating their service/stewardship into the life of the parish. Barb Prasad has volunteered to help me begin to organize this and then meet again with the students.

Families in Need items for May were bagged and delivered with the help of the Malmstrom family. June we had the Busby family. Julie plans to ask families to do this during the summer months. The Morris family is scheduled for July delivery.

* We have been delivering 50 bags. In the past, it was always 70-75. Due to not many people, attending Mass our collection is rather low. Julie will send something to Spencer to put in CK kids to remind people of the collection.

Adult Faith Formation:

The program Made for More which was originally scheduled for May 5th has been moved to September 15th. This is the plan so far. Next step is a phone call with Made for More on June 24th to hear what they are suggesting. We will be meeting on the 25th of June to discuss as a team how this will be handled etc.. We are still planning on St. Martin and St. Peter as co-host.

Parish Disaster Relief Team:

We have a great team of Volunteers here at the Cathedral. Lauren Hildreth, Anna Pund, Kimie Bax and Leah Griffen. So far, there was only 2 needs for food assistance. We began calling nursing home and homebound parishioners right away.

Back in mid-May, the DRT team asked about calling ALL parishioners to check on them as a courtesy.

Julie spoke with Tony Wenning who volunteered to put together the team of phone callers and get them started with the parish-spread sheet that Marie put together for us. We have about 42 callers. We need about 50 so each caller would need to place 25 calls each. Some new volunteers have come forward.

Due to the calling we will have better records of parishioners and their contact information.