

Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Tuesday, 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, Spencer Allen, Dena Brand, Aaron Hildreth, Melanie Lanigan, Chandra Prasad, Mike Wilson, and Edith Vogel.

Absent: Jennifer Case, Erin Lammers, Morgan Trimble

Minutes of June 17, 2020 Meeting Reviewed – Approved as written.

Pastor's Report – Fr. Louis Nelen

Foundation

- Nothing new to report since the last meeting.

Stewardship

- Fr. Jones is the new Stewardship Director and will be speaking at the Masses this coming weekend to fill us in on what he has been planning and working on.

Finance Report

- We are doing well. We are still \$10,000 ahead and things are typically slow through the summer. Hoping this pattern will hold through December. We received roughly \$25,000 back through the CSA campaign. We will have one more CSA campaign this fall before transitioning to a stewardship parish. Our goal has been set at \$200,000.

Religious Ed

- We are going to get our kids ready for the various sacraments and do the best we can with PSR. We will just have to adjust as things happen down the road.

RCIA – no report

Vocations

- No report.
- **Knights of Columbus**
- Most all upcoming activities are cancelled up to this point.

Cathedral School Report –by Spencer Allen.

- The staff has been extremely busy all summer with normal preparations on top of preparing the school for health guidelines.
- We are implementing a new math curriculum this year which has required much work from the teachers to get ready.
- We have done quite a bit of construction this summer. Work in the commons, some of the halls, new trophy case and trying to finish up with getting our new sign installed.
- We had some staff departures over the summer, and we were sad to see them leave. We do have quality new people that we hired.
- We utilized CARES funding to purchases supplies and items to help us keep students safe.
- We had a successful open house yesterday. It was quick and simple.
- Overall, the first day of school was a good first day. We are trying to be very optimistic about keeping the kids in school and doing it safely.
- Lastly, we are going through our accreditation this year with Jon Browning and Abby Streumph as co-chairs. After our self-study, a team of educators and administrators from other schools will come in and spend three days with us to affirm or modify our findings.
- There is a new map available to us now showing hot spots or areas where the virus is showing up and spreading at a higher rate. Heather Schrimpf, principal at Immaculate Conception, is the person who will check and keep us informed.

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. We are not sure if the plan will be shown to the parishioners before that time.
- The undercroft is a separate phase. Bishop McKnight suggested that we come up with a name for the undercroft. Council decided it would be best and probably quicker to submit names and let the people choose from them.
- The hope is to be ready to start the undercroft remodel after the November election.

New Business –

Pastoral Plan

- Bishop McKnight asked us to find common themes and ideas that came from the small groups. So, we submitted our two suggestions for Youth Ministry for High School and a Volunteer Coordinator. The diocese accepted our suggestions and told us to move forward with implementing our plan.

Roofs

- The roofs on most all our buildings were damaged in the hailstorm, which includes the rectory, school, and the Cathedral. The rectory is done but the Cathedral, Parish Office and School have not been touched yet. Plan to be here when finished with the Chancery. Missouri Builders will be doing the work.

Master Facilities Plan

- The Bishop wants us to be thinking about a plan for the future. Send your ideas to Fr. Nelen as you come up with them.

Mass Plan

- Because of the number of people coming back to Mass we need to take the tape off the pews. The idea is to maintain social distancing from the families around you and if you cannot, please wear your mask. The use of masks upon entering the church and during the Communion procession, and upon leaving the church will still be required.

Welcome Committee

- General conversation was held regarding whether to bring back the Welcome Committee and what changes are needed if we do.
- Dena Brand is going to talk with some of the past members and see if we can get something going again and will report to Fr. Nelen.

Closing prayer – Fr. Nelen

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 22, 2020, 6:00 P.M. in the Parish Office

Respectfully submitted: Darlene Kliethermes


Edith Vogel, President

Date: Sept 22, 2020

Youth Report July-August 2020

As a parish, we will be focusing on a new Youth Board to be led by the youth and overseen by Julie Gramlich and volunteer Barb Prasad. Julie contacted Erin Lammers about leading this new ministry. Erin is a senior at Helias. The St. Joe students who participated in the Diocesan Youth Summit will be contacted to also be involved. There is a meeting scheduled for September 10 at 7:30pm in the Mary room.

There will be an announcement made at Masses and information will be added to social media so all St. Joseph Cathedral youth will have the opportunity to be involved.

The Confirmation program is currently being planned We have scheduled a kick off meeting for September 27th at 11am following the 10 am Mass in the undercroft for all freshman with parents and any others who did not get confirmed last year. We are planning for 4 in-session meetings and 4 at-home sessions with the parents and their candidate.

**** We still need a few more table leaders for the 4 sessions done in the undercroft.**

The 7-8th grades will go through the formation with religion teacher Annie Crider. Annie Crider will have a separate meeting with all 7th and 8th grade parents.

Julie is working on the 8th grade Retreat Timothy 4. Will be a day retreat instead of a full weekend. Looking at early October.

Families In Need bagging and delivering was done by school families April thru August. We are working on them also doing it thru the school year as a service project after school on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Need to do more about promoting this through the school. Our bags have been fewer and fewer as the months go on.

Adult Faith Formation:

Made for More program is still being planned for September 15th 7-9:30 in the Cathedral. We sold tickets after the Masses last weekend and will continue to promote up to the 15th. Currently have about 120 tickets sold.

Disaster Relief team:

The parish calling team has almost completed the phone calling to each parish family. We are waiting for 3 lists to come in. With this calling, we have been able to “clean” up our directory with correct information and have been able to let our parishioners know that we are here for them if they have any needs. Thanks to Tony Wenning for organizing this project for our parish. Tony worked with 50 callers who each contacted 25 parishioners.

We plan to make a second round of calls this fall. *** more callers will be needed.**