

Minutes for the Parish Council June 2, 2021

Members Present: Misti McCarty, Danny May, Will Jerome, John Broxon, Fr. Joe, Vicky Cernius, James Craig, Rosalyn Carter, Fr. Pat

Guests: Dan Heckel, Chad Thompson, Taryn O'Bryan, Stephanie Higdon, Kevin Schrecker, Dan Marquis, Elaine Robertson, Amanda Hirtz, Mary Jo Stinnet, Patrick Edge, Jordan Allison, Rose Allison, Amy Fogle Stiff, Ann Flaherty, Mike Flaherty, Marilyn Pace, Josh Clary, Freda O'Bryan, Alex Lawless

Opening Prayer: James Craig led the prayer.

Presentation: Daycare by Taryn O'Bryan

The state came in to inspect the daycare. The inspector literally measured the rooms in the buildings. According to the inspector several rooms are too small for the number of children that are in those rooms. Although the total square footage had the daycare being able to care for 69 children, the new calculations bring the numbers down to 54. Taryn has two ideas.

1. Take the small room in the Parish Hall and convert it into a preschool room. It could possibly hold 24 children with two teachers.
2. Knock down the walls in a couple of the rooms. The rooms would accommodate more children.

The first idea was not popular. That room is used for many purposes: wedding buffet lines, funeral meals, small parties, picnic dinner lines, and fish fries. There was some discussion about a possible moveable wall so that the room could be used during the week and still used by the parish for various events. Taryn felt that idea may not work due to the materials needed by the daycare to run the classroom. It would be difficult to move the materials.

The second idea seems to be more viable. There is a meeting with Aaron Wheatley on Thursday. He has been getting estimates for a new roof and an update for the kitchen.

As far as the number of children is concerned, in August the numbers were going to decline to 53 since several children are going to kindergarten at the start of the new school year.

The Daycare Board will meet on June 8th to discuss the construction and what to do about closing the daycare for the construction.

Jennifer Hamilton wished to speak to the Parish Council but did not attend.

Welcome and Introduction of all the nominees for the 2021-2022 Parish Council by Misti.

Minutes from May were accepted by Misti and seconded by Will.

DFE: The Director of Faith Experience has been hired. The name will not be announced until the biography of the new hire can be posted in the bulletin. Fr. Pat is very pleased that this person has a Master's in Theology.

Parish Mission Statement: Danny, Will, and Deacon Mike worked on a statement. They could not find the original and were not sure that there had been one. Fr. Pat said that the statement

has been on the Koininia programs. Amy Fogle Stiff said that she would look at the programs she has and let us know. She found it and sent it the next day.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Mission Statement

We, the people of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish take as our mission the words of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, in the Gospel of John 10:10, I came that they might have life and have it more abundantly." And so we pledge to defend life in all that we do and to be life giving to all who come to us in every aspect of our life as a Catholic Faith Community.

We will table more discussion on the statement until August.

Committee Reports:

Liturgy: John Broxon

No report

Building and Grounds: Will Jerome

Fastek will take care of cleaning up the cords that are hanging from the crown molding in the church. Will said that the state has made the licensing for raffles more difficult. He will do more research so that we could possibly do a raffle for rare bourbons that could make a large amount of money for the church.

Stewardship: Mary Lasley

Committee did not meet.

Daycare: Rosalyn Carter

Daycare will meet June 8, 2021

Picnic Committee: Emailed by Marty Mitchell

All the raffle tickets were stuffed and were placed at the church entrance for parishioners to pick up the last two weekends in May. I made a quick count of the number left after 11 am Mass and counted 187 envelopes left to pick up.

Finance: Vicky Cernius

Finance Committee Notes from 5/19/2021 Meeting 1. Reviewed current proposal for 2021/2022 budget. Main discussion was how the budget numbers were calculated. Per Lois typically the previous year is reviewed budget vs actual and derived from there. Given the Covid Pandemic affecting so many items in 20/21, she reviewed current and compared to two previous years to estimate new budget. She also accounted for new requests for funds in the coming year such as Alpha and Backpack programs.

Regarding Building and Grounds estimate, Lois checked with Aaron for his recommendation and included his input. It was asked that Vicky check with Building and Grounds Committee to see if they have done an assessment to see what other projects on the property need repair or replacement above the items that Aaron already accounted for. The new budget will be reviewed for the final time at the June 16th meeting. ** note, per the response of the committee, no additional items needed to be added. 2.

Notified by Taryn, the State Surveyor came in and measured the Daycare classrooms. This had happened when Carol was the Director. The number of children were lowered and they scheduled activities/rotation schedule so that there were not in the one class room the entire day. At that time the State basically dropped the issue and the Daycare was “grandfathered” in. Due to the Covid regulations the Daycare was not able to utilize the rotation schedule. At the time of the meeting communication was going back and forth with the state to figure out what if anything was going to need to change. Pending final resolution. 3. Fast Fuel Station did make a payment of \$2,500, balance of \$5,370.00.

Safety: James Craig
No report

Catholic Schools: Fr. Pat
No report

Power Point Presentation:

The power point addressed the purpose of the council and the requirements of its members. Misti explained that in July we will meet in the church. There will be a short service and then all the nominees who wish to be considered for the council will draw lots. This will take place on July 7th. The ppt. presentation was put together by Makayla McCarty.

Guidelines for the Parish Council: John Broxon

The following changes were made:

1. Rename the guidelines to bylaws.
2. Put in the mission statement found by Amy.
3. Under Article V from old guidelines, move statement F to Article VII.
4. Under Article V under statement G, set three unexcused absences as terms for dismissal. The absences will reset every year.
5. Article VI statement B was added to address male/female balance. Changes need to be made to this statement. Fr. Pat wishes us to continue with one vessel for the drawing of lots as we have done in the past. There will not be two sets of receptacles for male and female as stated.
6. Article VII changed statement F to G.
7. Article VIII under statement A, added that the officers with the pastor comprise the Executive Council.
8. Article X on committees. The parish does not have two formal committees under the four listed by the Diocesan guidelines. They are Education/Faith and Social Concerns.

The August 4th meeting will take place at Misti's home for a potluck supper. There will be a very short business meeting. We will discuss the mission statement and election of new officers.

Closing Prayer

Next meeting will be July 7th at the church for the drawing of lots.

Meeting adjourned.