

Minutes from the Parish Council March 3, 2021

Members Present: Vicki Cernius, Rosalyn Carter, Danny May, Marty Mitchell, Mary Lasley, John Broxon, Misti McCarty, James Craig, Fr. Pat, Fr. Joe

Opening Prayer was led by Misti McCarty

The minutes from February were accepted by James Craig and seconded by Danny May.

Misti McCarty passed out folders for different ministries with updated lists from the Stewardship forms.

Evangelization: Danny May

The committee has not met for a while. There are only three active members, but the new list has five names of people who are interested in participating in the committee.

Alpha is going well. There are 22-24 individuals who are participating through Zoom and all the participants are very excited. They have been divided into small groups which meet and share. The program is designed for a person who does not have a personal relationship with Jesus. Fr. Pat feels that the program is going very well.

On March 13th there will be a retreat through Zoom from 9:00 until noon.

Liturgy: John Broxon

The committee met on February 24th.

There were good numbers for the Ash Wednesday Masses. A purple cloth was placed on the Altar for Lent.

The Stations of the Cross will be videotaped for the Internet. David Gehring has put together a script.

They have noticed that now the balcony is open, the camera underneath wiggles some due to vibrations from people in the balcony. It was suggested that they place a sign to keep the area above the camera free to see if that helps. When the deacons are on the altar, they need to have a microphone. A number of young people are videotaping the 4:30 Mass, but adults need to be trained to use the system for special events when young people are not available.

The wooden cross which is placed in the circle garden will be put up in time for Palm Sunday. Palms will not be handed out but placed on a table for people to pick up themselves similar to what we do for the bulletin.

There will be a Chrism Mass but only for the priests and it will be at the Cathedral.

Holy Thursday Mass will be at 6:30 on April 1st. There will be no washing of feet. Afterwards the altar will be stripped and adoration will be available until 10:00 PM.

Good Friday will have two services. At 3:00 there will be the traditional service. The congregation will be able to venerate the cross, but they may not kiss it. At 7:30 there will be the Tenebrae service which is an ancient Good Friday service.

Decorating for Easter will take place at 10:00 on Saturday morning.

There will be two Confirmations and no Baptisms at the Easter Vigil.

Easter Vigil is at 7:30 PM.

There is some concern about numbers for Easter Masses. There was some discussion about offering another Mass at 6:30 AM or offering a second Mass in the Parish Hall at the same time

as one of the other two Masses. Nothing was decided. There was also some discussion about the fact that Easter will take place at the beginning of Spring Break so the numbers could be lower. It was noted that numbers of parishioners attending weekend Masses are rising. Starting Holy Week there will be one Altar Server at all the Masses. The server will light all the candles and ring the bells during the Consecration.

Building and Grounds: Will Jerome

Will was not able to attend the meeting but sent a quote for a new sound system. A completely new system will cost \$29,752. There were some questions about the quote: Does it include the cost of a scissor lift? What would it cost just to replace the speakers? Could the quote be better itemized?

Stewardship: Mary Lasley

The committee met on February 4th. The committee put together the envelopes to send out the Stewardship forms. Marty Mitchell and Becky Mitchell stuffed many of the envelopes prior to the meeting. Charlotte Hollis also prepared the envelopes for the committee.

Finance Committee: Vicky Cernius

The donations for the camera system has \$9597.19 still available.

The daycare is running in the black. Because of the PPP money the daycare is in the black from July, 2020 to January, 2021.

The daycare is waiting for a grant which it has applied for.

Picnic: Marty Mitchell

The committee did not meet.

The Barbecue Festival is different this year. It will be held on May 8th for one day only. There will be no carnival or craft show. The churches will cook on their own sites and take food downtown. It will also include a backyard cook competition.

Safety: James Craig

The committee did not meet.

Catholic Schools: Fr. Pat

Fr. Pat feels that this school year has been very successful. The school system has done very well in its plans to follow the guidelines to keep the students safe in school during the pandemic.

Priest report: Fr. Joe

Fr. Joe had nothing new to report.

New DRE

The Religious Ed Committee will meet via Zoom very shortly to discuss what qualifications they would like the new DRE to have.

They are discussing changing the title from DRE to Coordinator of Faith Formation.

They are also discussing of possibly having the new Coordinator work with three or four other people who would lead different areas of Religious Education.

There is a concern about finances.

Daycare Committee:

Taryne O'Bryan was invited to meet with the Parish Council but has class on Wednesday evenings and was unable to attend. She wrote a nice letter introducing herself, her experience in child care, and her goals and plans for the daycare. She also addressed outstanding balances by a few families, Child Care Assistance, tuition, numbers of children, a new transition room for 2/3 year olds, and staffing.

Discussion of Guidelines for Parish Council

There was some discussion of the guidelines set down by the Diocese.

We need to establish a yearly goal. We should also work on having a retreat. Danny suggested a get together for our June meeting perhaps at Misti's home.

There was some discussion about the nomination process for three new members in May. We will have to make some changes due to Covid-19 such as no ballots in the pews.

Discussion of Complete Reopening

There was some discussion on how our reopening should look. We will get our guidelines from the diocese. We would like to have a Welcome Home Celebration. We could possibly get a tent and set it up outside the main entrance. We could have cookies and lemonade.

Meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be April 14, 2021.