

Parish Council Minutes for October 14, 2020

Members Present: Danny May, Will Jerome, John Broxon, James Craig, Vicky Cernius, Sue Jones, Misti McCarty, Mary Lasley, Deacon Mike, Fr. Joe, Fr. Pat via Zoom

Business Manager: Lois Decker

Finance Committee and Daycare Committee: James Klump

Drew Hardesty

Opening Prayer was led by Mary Lasley.

Drew Hardesty spoke about the video he produced for the Daycare which led to fourteen leads. Drew Hardesty spoke about the video ministry. He presented the cost for the system from Concept Sound & Light, Inc. The price is \$18,621. The cables are in and the people installing the system planned to start from the floor and go up to the ceiling. It will be a slow process and may require scaffolding. The aim is to have the cables installed neatly and not visible to the congregation. Drew also said that the system needs a new laptop which will add \$1000 to the total cost. For the Internet the system will tap into Fr. Pat's Wi-Fi. Denny Miles, from our parish, and David Mosely, a liaison from Southern Star, are volunteering their time to set up the connection to the Wi-Fi. Fr. Pat has approved the purchase of the system and they are waiting on the Bishop's approval to begin the installation of the cables.

The cameras will be located from two of the wooden beams, one from the choir loft, and one on the speaker box under the slats at the front of the church. The company will train members of the church as part of the fee. This is the same system that Immaculate Parish is using. The cameras will make a minimal amount of noise. The front and back cameras will not move. The Mass will be live streamed to Facebook and uploaded to the church website. The company provides maintenance and an on-call service on weekends if there are problems before the Mass. The warranty on the system is one year in house in addition to a three year manufacturing warranty, but Drew will check into this to be sure that is correct.

Elaine Robertson was unable to be present for the Daycare Report since Religious Education begins the same time as Parish Council meets. She sent this report to Misti McCarty.

I will not be at the meeting because this is the first day of Religious Ed. I would like to let everyone know that we now have 53 enrolled children. I have another child starting on Monday and another baby will be coming as well. I have someone that has asked for two spots but they have not filled out paper work yet. So right now we have 2spots for 1 year olds a spot for 2 and a spot for 3. We could also take one more 4-5 year old. Please let me know if you need any more info. With Buena Vista closing we have received several of their children.

Elaine

Lois Decker gave more information about the Daycare. She gave financial information which showed that September posted a positive amount of \$2198.63. She also added that the Buena Vista Daycare closed and we gained five new children. There is also a grant from the state which could give \$7000 to the Daycare. Elaine is exploring that now. Lois brought up the idea

of hiring the Daycare Director from Buena Vista as a half time Director for Lourdes and moving Elaine to full time DRE. Lois asked that we contact her with any decisions we make so that she can inform the workers.

Minutes from September were read and accepted by John Broxon and seconded by Misti McCarty.

Evangelization Committee: Danny May

Danny would like the parish consider purchasing a subscription to a Catholic streaming service called Formed. It has sacrament training videos which cover Marriage, Baptism, Communion, Reconciliation, and more. It has family videos. It is very much like Netflix. The cost is \$2000 and the entire parish would be eligible to use it. Parishioners would simply login to the service, look for Our Lady of Lourdes, and type in their email. We would like to see if there is a way to track whether or not it is being used by parishioners. Danny will research that. We will discuss it again in the November Parish Council meeting.

There was some discussion about the possibility that the Bishop's Dispensation may be lifted at the beginning of Advent. We may need to open up the Parish Hall for Sunday Masses to have enough room for those attending and maintain social distancing.

Building and Grounds Committee: Will Jerome

Will said that the ditch down the main lawn of the church has been cleaned out. Should be done at least twice a year to keep the water flow open and prevent flooding around the church building and parking lot. The concrete pads have been poured for the trash dumpsters. Will plans to speak to Aaron about the fence which will surround the dumpsters. There was some discussion about a gift for Drew Hardesty for all the months he filmed the Mass, edited, and uploaded it to Facebook and the church website. The Reconciliation Room was brought up. It had been put on the back burner when Covid-19 hit. Will plans to contact Paul Martin about the blue prints and bring that back to the council.

Liturgy Committee: John Broxon

October is the month of the Rosary and the Knights of Columbus will lead the Rosary at the beginning of each weekend Mass for the whole month. All Saints Day is November 1st which is a Sunday this year. The Annual Memorial Service for families who have lost loved ones will be November 8th at 2:00 PM. The committee plans to distribute bottles of Holy Water the weekend of October 17th and 18th. Deacon Mike suggested that on the third weekend of each month the priests and deacons sprinkle the congregation since we are not able to have Holy Water in the fonts. There will be a Food Drive the weekend of November 7th and 8th.

Stewardship Committee: Mary Lasley

The weekends of October 17th/18th and October 23rd/24th are Disciple Response Fund Weekends. The Deacons will read the Bishop's letter to the congregations. This year due to Covid-19, the pledge cards will be handed out as the congregation leaves by ushers wearing gloves. The congregation will return the cards the following weekends.

Safety Committee: James Craig

One woman came into the church without a face mask. She was spoken to and she left. She has been a repeat offender. An announcement on the requirement of masks will be added to the announcements before Mass. Signs have also been posted at the entrance. There is some concern about the equipment for the new camera system and its security. It will be locked up after its use.

Owensboro Catholic Schools: Fr. Pat

The year is going well despite Covid-19. There are waiting lists for the K-8 schools.

Priests Report: Fr. Pat and Fr. Joe

Fr. Pat has been quarantined due to an exposure to a person who tested positive for Covid-19. He will take the test in a day or so, but he feels well and has had no symptoms.

Discussion of the Daycare:

We discussed the finances and are concerned that the numbers do not seem to make sense. We also need more communication from Elaine. We would like to know about the status of the fourteen leads from the video. We would also like to know if there has been an attempt to contact the parents from Buena Vista. There was a question about why the PPP loan keeps appearing on the reports if the money has been spent. It will turn into a grant in March and therefore will stay on the report until then. There is concern that even though the September numbers were good, the October numbers may not be.

The Council decided that on November 4th (the date has since been changed to November 2nd), there will be a special meeting focused solely on the Daycare. It will be an audit. A letter will be drafted to Elaine which shows that we are encouraged by the increase in number, a need to follow up on the leads from the video and to contact the parents from Buena Vista. We will also have questions that we would like Elaine to address. We will also invite Jamie Klump from the Finance Committee to address the financial issues of the Daycare. Tom Lily will also be invited. There will be a group email and we will come up with the questions for Elaine and Jamie. The letters will be mailed no later than October 21st.

The Council will have its regular meeting on November 11th.

Closing prayer and meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be November 2, 2020.