

Parish Council Meeting 1/14/20

Present: Walt Wolten, Glen Mott, Rita Lee, Dan Reiter, Joe Mattke, Mickey Loka, Fr. Louis, Kay, Berg, Kris Leggett Karen Gauerke, Nancy Huber

Not able to attend: Ann Jelinek, Jan Huseby, Doug Duchac

1. Fr. Louis led us in opening prayer
2. Approval of previous months minutes. Motion to approve by Joe and seconded by Glen. All were in favor. Minutes from December were approved.
3. **Finance Report:** There has not been a finance council meeting since our last meeting, so there was no Finance Report this month.
4. **Staff Reports** were received by email.
  - A. Kay also wanted to report that she is the staff person in charge of All night adoration. They need people to help cover hours. They need 2 people in church at all times. Kay has invited a team from the Rice Lake Cluster to come here to talk to our parish. This is a work in progress.
  - B. At our next meeting, we would like Jan to clarify her notes regarding Christmas Eve 4 PM and 6 PM Masses. Also Mickey has a question about the life cycle of the 3 year hymnals,

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5. **Evangelization:** "99" - Program has arrived. The group has started coming up with people to join us for the videos. We have hospitality ideas and our brain storming continues. These will NOT BE MEETINGS.
6. **No Smoking Signs** - We need to purchase cheap signs and have St. Joe's committee install them. Karen has purchased 4 signs via Amazon. Mickey will contact Kevin about putting up the signs on poles in barrels.
7. **Parish Directory:** Putting this on hold until snow birds get back.
8. **Bells for consecration** - Fr. Louis has discussed with staff and Jan. At St. Mary's it would be children (altar servers) ringing, which is one of the concerns. It needs to be done correctly. It was brought up that like at St. Francis and St. Augustine, we have deacons ring the bells instead. ~~Fr. Louis was in favor of that idea. However, if there is not a deacon at Mass that means the bells will not be rung. Fr. Louis will discuss~~ with Jan. \*
9. **Mass time signs** - St. Joe doesn't have the equipment to make a sign for the mass times. The Mass times are listed on the scrolling sign at the main entrance. We will put this on hold for now.
10. **ALICE training.** Glen got ahold of Ken Schneider. We need to give them 4- 5 dates. Sunday at 9:15-10:45 AM Karen also has a contact to do these presentations (Ty Peterson), but since Sherriff Schneider comes with no cost, we will go with him. Kris will get the dates that are open in the CCC and church from Tracy and email them to Glen.

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11. **Holy Day of Obligation Masses** are not well attended. Jan's report stated the attendance for January 1, and that it was comparable or maybe even better than previous years. However, we all agreed it is not what it should be. Nancy says we have an obligation to make it clear to people. Discussion of the bulletin and making it clear that it is a holy day and there should be an announcement. The staff has discussed this as well, and will make sure that the bulletin is clear what is a Holy Day and that there is an announcement as well.
12. **Number and positions of Eucharistic Ministers**: Nancy led a discussion on this. The Minister that stands in front of the pew needs to be mindful if there is a parishioner in that front pew praying. Also, the number of Eucharistic Ministers does tend to adjust itself for the number of people at Mass. We all did agree that people should not feel rushed to "hurry" up the line going up to Communion.
13. **Connie's Retirement**: The parish council will send her flowers. Everyone agreed to give Kris \$10 and she will order them tomorrow.
14. **Lent program with the Grace Lutheran church**. We have been doing this for 2 years. That program has been completed. Fr. Louis said that St. Mary's will be doing their own program this year, although he is open to joining with Grace Lutheran in the future again.
15. Mickey read the mission statement: "Our Catholic Communities are committed to be an extension of the universal Catholic Church by daily living of the teachings of Jesus Christ for the spiritual growth of all in our parish and community."
16. **Next Meeting**: Mar 5 5:30 PM Thursday, April 14 5:30 PM Tuesday (No February Meeting)
17. **Pastor Summation**: Fr. Louis had nothing else to add.

Mickey motioned to adjourn the meeting and Joe seconded the motion. All were in favor.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Kris Leggett