

Parish Council 5/19/20

Present: Mickey Loka, Kris Leggett, Fr. Louis, Joe Mattke, Glen Mott, Doug Duchac, Laura Reiter, Dan Reiter, Walt Woiten, Nancy Huber

Not able to attend: Karen Gaurke

Staff was asked not to attend so that we would not have more than 10 people.

1. Mickey called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. and Fr. Louis led us in prayer.
2. **Approval of the minutes** from the March meeting. Dan makes the motion and Doug seconds. All were in favor. Names to save for filling Parish Council spots: Christine Corson and Bear Wadzinski. Terms of the current members were reviewed.
3. **Finance Report** for the past 9 weeks we haven't had Mass because of COVID-19. Laura reported our collections are down \$16,000 (or 25%) so Laura is encouraged by people who continue to donate regardless of having Mass. We did receive a CARES grant which provides us with 8 weeks of payroll and funds to also pay utilities. Additionally, \$10,000 disaster "loan" was received, which does not need to be paid back. The March statement was reviewed. Expenses are down, and that is good. The Finance Council wanted a realistic budget.... which shows a deficit of \$42,000. One large expense is the roof on the Harris Portico. The 2020-2021 Budget was reviewed. Dan makes a motion to approve the budget, and Nancy seconds the motion to approve the budget. All were in favor and the motion passed.
4. **Staff reports**-no questions
5. **Parish Directory on hold**
6. **ALICE Training on hold**
7. **COVID updates** Fr. Louis and all the priests in the diocese have been attending virtual meetings with the Bishop. The Bishop is allowing the churches to have Sunday Communion Services as a precursor to Mass starting up again. This will begin Sunday, May 24.

Points to address:

- Must be safe and ready, volunteers, sanitation, all need to be in place
- Dispensation is still given to those who safely cannot attend
- People who are ill or elderly should stay home
- People should prepare by viewing mass on TV or live streamed
- Start at St. Mary -in the main parish only on May 24; letter will go out tomorrow with the staff newsletter to all registered parishioners.
- Parishioners will not sit down or touch anything - 10 minute service. People come in 9 at a time.
- Priest wears a mask, and all volunteers wear masks. Parishioners are advised to wear a mask, but this is not going to be mandated.
- The door must be propped open, a basket should be available for envelopes. All communion is only in the hand, gloves cannot be worn when receiving Communion.
- Service is from 12-3 PM. All cluster parishioners come to St. Mary's. It must be sacred and reverent.
- Fr. Louis will re-sanitize if he touches someone's hand
- Gluten Free host is available if needed.

- This is a work in progress, and the process will be adapted weekly.
 - Funerals are still only 10 people, however at graveside services more people are allowed.
 - Parishes should continue to live stream masses.
 - Church needs to be sanitized ahead of time, and afterwards
 - notify police of our plan
 - social distances of 6 feet must be maintained.
 - only Fr. Louis will be giving out communion at this time.
 - any health issue, you need to stay home.
 - Call Tracy if you can volunteer
 - These guidelines came from the Bishops, and experts.
8. **Facebook masses** are going great. This is a great service for our parish.
 9. **Communication** :It would be a good idea to have people opt to receive emails rather than paper mail. We will continue to strive to get everyone's email.
 10. **Festival** is put off to either August 29 or Sept 12.
 11. **School Gala** Is also on hold.
 12. **Next Meeting:** June 23 at 5:30... This time may need to be changed depending on the finance council meeting before hand. Stay tuned, watch your email.
 13. **Motion to dismiss** made by Glen and Seconded by Dan
Motion passed
 14. **Closing prayer.**