St. Henry's Parish Council Minutes

04-16-2020

Members present via virtual GoToMeeting: Fr. Matthew Kuhn, Deacon Richard Quistorff, Deacon Randy Altstadt, Eileen Westland, Mark Halbakken, Steve Bormann, Nick Murdock, Lori Curtis, Adam Holzer, Carol Schmitz, Marc Winjum, Tami Kalina, Heidi Kalina and Cheryl Prososki.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Fr. Matthew led us in prayer.

Agenda approved.

Minutes approved.

Financial Summary:

Income down due to Covid-19/No Mass, however, very comparable to last year! Budget at 75.00% Income at 76.45% Expenses at 77.9%

Old Business:

Teaching Mass for Adults: Discussed new ways to present these teachings. Maybe video recordings in smaller increments, such as 4 half hour sections so as to watch at our leisure. A great feature to have always.

Council Election Committee:

(Heidi Kalina, Adam Holzer and Mark Winjum) Postponed until further notice.

New Business:

Covid-19; Recorded and livestreamed liturgies are very welcomed and appreciated! A lot of positive feedback. MyParish App is also very helpful.

Discussed other options on communicating with everyone. For example: Confessions in Fr. Matthew's porch (not handicap accessible). Maybe more home visits while respecting social distancing and wearing masks? Alternating parishioners for lectors/musicians/camera operators? Ask if interested.

PPP (Payroll Protection Program) A loan program that the church and school applied for financial support. UCB (Bob Cavanagh) and Mark Halbakken were very instrumental in applying for this federal program. 75% of the loan should cover 2.5 months of salaries (payroll), rent, interest and utilities. The loan should be forgiven 100% if used properly.

What to do when we gradually reopen? There may be various levels or stages of reopening. There will be guidelines to follow. In the meantime we discussed ways to stay in touch to better our spirits such as; mass in the parking lot and staying in our vehicles, making phone calls to parishioners, listening to Catholic Talk Radio 100.3 FM, Social Media advertising for donating time, gift cards or cash for those in need. Also, members of the Parish Council and their families are available to run errands and help in any way, such as grocery shopping or picking up pharmacy needs.

**Reports:**

1. Northern Cross Area Catholic Community Planning Council met on March 4th. Bishop Kettler recommends; a) looking at how we can involve the Spanish community more, b) one bulletin for 4 parish community, and, c) having one combined pastoral council.

2. Led by the Light Campaign: No update at this time.

3. Liturgy Committee:

4. Religious Education and Youth Ministry: As of yet, Steubenville has not been cancelled for this summer.

5. Maintenance Committee: Issues on ordering brackets for railing for choir loft. Plexiglass has been ordered.

6. Pastor's report: 2 new TV's have been donated for the Narthex for information sharing.

Next meeting: Thursday, May 21st, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Closing prayer led by Deacon Randy

Adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Schmitz