

St. Henry's Parish Council Minutes

09-17-2020

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Fr. Matthew led us in prayer.

Agenda: Added Parish House news to New Business.

Minutes for May's meeting approved.

Financial Summary: Income up as of the end of August.

OLD BUSINESS:

Council Election was not held due to COVID. Membership will remain in place for the present time.

Covid 19: How are people/parishoners reacting? Most are still very cautious/hesitant. They are uncomfortable wearing masks. However, no one is turned away.

Fun Fair Online Auction Results - The first annual online auction was very successful! Made more than normal. It was more expensive to execute the preparations this way (social media) but the outcome was worth it. Hard to communicate with people to get the message out there. We need to brainstorm new ideas.

Summer Festival Raffle/Future Fundraisers and Gatherings - Raffle tickets were mailed out to everyone as our main fundraiser,(which was not allowed), but worked in our favor. All future fundraisers are on hold.

Family Formation Update - Lisa Foley and Lisa Hendrickx have put a lot of work into this huge undertaking. Many families/kids participated on Wednesday, 9/16/2020. Very successful. Parents are the first teachers! The program was videotaped for home viewing. Enrollment is up, however, we are short on teachers.

NEW BUSINESS:

ACC Logo contest - St. Henry's entries

We took a vote on 12 options and chose #11 NORTHERN CROSS created by Rachel Poser. On September 28th a design will be chosen from among 3 parishes (Sacred Heart had no entries).

Callers for Capital Campaign - We are asking for anyone willing to call and ask if parishoners are willing to extend their pledges as we need to raise \$800,000 more for Phase I of the campaign. Calls will be made October 9th through the 23rd. We have 19 callers so far and are also asking for help stuffing letters into envelopes on October 2nd. Training will take place on October 5th and October 8th for the callers.

Parish House - The plan is to have the parish house moved this fall to a lot by St. Stans, put in a basement, fix it up and then sell it. We would save money and hopefully make money on the sale due to it being a seller's market right now.

Reports:

1. Northern Cross Area Catholic Community Planning Council - See above.
2. Led by the Light Campaign: See above.
3. Liturgy Committee: In need of sacristans for Friday morning masses. Also, in need of more cleaners, preferably after Wednesday Family Formation.
4. Religious Education and Youth Ministry: See above.

5. Maintenance Committee: New serving counters are going into the basement in October. The banister in the choir loft is all done with plexiglass framing and carpet will be added to stairs going up to choir loft.

6. Pastor's report: Volume II of Father Matthew's Mother's book will be available in October/November or soon after. Vocations mass will be held the first Wednesday of each month at St. Henry's.

It has been requested that Father Matthew send out an itinerary of future dates for Pastoral Council meetings.

Next meeting: Thursday, October 15, 2020, 7:00 pm

Closing prayer led by Father Matthew Kuhn
Adjourned at 8:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Schmitz