St. Henry's Parish Council Minutes

05-21-2020

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 and Cheryl Prososki.

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM

Fr. Matthew led us in prayer.

Agenda: corrected Coming Events (Open to Public May 26th) and added #4 (Adoration) to New Business then approved.

Minutes approved.

Financial Summary: With masses closed, finances down. Used PPP (Payroll Protection Program) loan to cover costs such as salaries and bills. 2/3rds of normal collection so not bad considering conditions.

Old Business:

Council Election Committee:

(Heidi Kalina, Adam Holzer and Mark Winjum) Still tabled and will re-open for an extra month. Collect what is in the ballot boxes in church. Make a priority to be complete by August.

Covid 19: Bishop announced stay-at-home order until May 26th, 2020. Limit capacity to 1/3rd space. Most parishoners will choose to stay home for safety reasons. Masses will continue to be recorded.

Communion will be distributed with Deacon Randy in the hand only and Fr. Matt will use purifier if you should choose to receive communion on tongue. Every third pew will be open, sanitary wipes and hand sanitizer are available, and, no ceiling fans are to be used. The church can hold approximately 270 parishoners with this new structure. Also, all doors will be propped open to prevent touching handles. Masks and gloves are allowed but must be removed to take communion. Handouts will be used at each mass as no hymnals or missilets.

Bulletin: writing a paragraph each month for the bulletin by a Council Member will continue. Nick Murdock will furnish info for May and Heidi Kalina for the month of June.

New Business:

Fun Fair - Jason Smith is still doing the Raffle. There will be no social gathering this year. A silent Auction on the internet with Bachmann Auctioneers will take place on June 28th. Please spread the word. It will be advertised on Social Media and at all masses.

Summer Festival - with things uncertain, we will continue to prepare for the festival. 2 co-chairs are needed for the festival. Also, the silent auction needs a leader.

Religious Ed for the Fall - Lisa Foley is working on a family formation based program. Teach parents then parents teach their children on their own time. This is a good time to try this method. A prayer group has been started to promote/prepare for this.

Adoration - 9am - 5pm each day. There needs to be 2-3 guardians every hour. It has been working well! It was suggested to perhaps add a partial day with more hours for working parishoners.

**Reports:**

1. Northern Cross Area Catholic Community Planning Council - have not been meeting, everything has been on hold. July 1st we will know more.

2. Led by the Light Campaign: Waiting on a check from the Trust.

3. Liturgy Committee: No meeting this past month - no new news.

4. Religious Education and Youth Ministry: Stubenville trip has been cancelled for this year. A virtual conference will be available for free.

5. Maintenance Committee: Choir loft barrier is on order and plexiglass should arrive approx. end of July. $2400 was donated to cover costs.

6. Pastor's report:

The Baccalaureate Mass is scheduled for June 7th after the 10:00am mass. Each student will be in their own vehicle and Father Matthew will bless each one.

Next meeting: Thursday, June 18, 2020, 7:00 pm

Closing prayer led by Deacon Richard Quistorff

Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Schmitz