St. Henry’s Parish Council

# Meeting Minutes

# Jan 21st, 2021

Members present via virtual GoToMeeting: Fr. Matthew Kuhn, Deacon Randy Altstadt, Pres. Nick Murdock, VP Lori Curtis, Sec. Eileen Westland, Mark Halbakken, Adam Holzer, Heidi Kalina, Cheryl Prososki, Carol Schmitz,

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM

Fr. Matthew lead us in prayer.

**Approval of Minutes –** No Corrections

## Approval of Agenda - No Additions

**Financial Summary –** Contributions started picking up after Christmas following Fr’s plea for more intentional support and are up 11% from last year. Income is up 5 ¼% while expenses are down 2%. PPP loan was forgiven, and we will not qualify for an additional PPP loan as income is required to be down by 25%.

**Old Business**-

Promoting Mass attendance during Covid – Sunday attendance maintaining good numbers, Saturday still down however many of them are now attending the Friday mass set aside for those most vulnerable.

Father Matt would like feedback on visual quality of recorded mass with our new equipment.

Looking for ways to invite more people back to mass so they feel welcome considering the political climate and comfortable with the measures being taken regarding Covid. Father will be looking for ways to promote unity in the Body of Christ. Current regulations for mass attendance is 50% capacity which would permit about 400 people in the church.

## New Business

New Covid regulations will be released by diocese the first week in February.

Possible upcoming Parish Events- Outdoor or Virtual Movie night. Considering possibility of hosting our Summer Festival. Rite of Election for Diocese will be held in person this year. Will be planning to have a Corpus Christi procession in June.

New guidelines for distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday will likely be to sprinkle ashes on the top of people’s heads which has been a custom at times in the past. Blessing of throats will be done as a group rather than individually. Lenten Mission could be held in Person - waiting for confirmation on that.

Fish Fry – May be necessary for meals to be prepared in a commercial kitchen and served as take out.

My Parish App roll out will be postponed until February 21st and will encourage everyone to sign up at that time.

**Reports**

Northern Cross Area Catholic Community Planning Council- Next meeting will be in February

Led by The Light Campaign Update- Excited to be moving forward

Liturgy Committee- No report

Religious Ed/Youth Ministry- Pro-Life event: Adoration, Praise and Worship 6:00-11:00 Jan 23rd.

Maintenance Committee- $15,000 has been donated for a digital sign which will be ordered soon.

Pastor’s Report- Fr Matt’s Mom’s new book is being released this week and will be available in the parish office.

Fr. Matt is enjoying his new home.

**Coming Events**

Pro-Life Event- Jan 23rd, 6:00-11:00 PM and Raffle

ACC Lenten Mission with Fr. Mitchell Bechtold postponed until further notice.

Mass for Ash Wednesday- February 17, 7:00 PM

Solemnity of the Annunciation- March 25, 20021

Virtual Fun Fair - Will include Catholic Schools Week, Silent Auction April 11th – 17th, raffle on April 18th

## Next Meeting

Thursday, February 18th, 2021, 7:00 PM

## Adjournment

Closing prayer led by Fr. Matt

Adjourned at 7:45 PM

| Respectfully submitted by | Eileen Westland |
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