

PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

August 31, 2021

Present: Fr. Andrew, Dan Fritch, Pam Freyberger, Van Ziegler, Max Verkamp, Tracie Ihle, Jason Messmer, Mike Hagerdon, Patty Brosmer, Lynn Scheu, Ben Schwenk, Jason Nord, Luke Messmer, and Maggie Schneider

Absent: Fr. Eugene, Fr. Homero, Dave Kramer, Yesica Miranda, Jane Gehlhausen, and Bridgette Bartley

The 7:00 pm meeting was called to order by Van Ziegler.

Opening Prayer – Fr. Andrew led us in prayer

Jason Messmer made a motion and Tracie Ihle seconded the motion to accept the June Meeting Minutes. All were in favor of approval. Tracie Ihle made a motion and Dan Fritch seconded the motion to accept the July Meeting Minutes. All were in favor of approval.

Thank you given to outgoing Parish Council members Patty Brosmer & Max Verkamp.

Welcoming of new Parish Council members Luke Messmer, Jason Nord, & Maggie Schneider and of re-elected Van Ziegler.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Nominations/Voting for Chair, Vice-Chair, & Secretary** – *Max / Van*
 - a. Motion by Dan Fritch to nominate Van Ziegler as Chair, Bridgette Bartley as Vice-Chair, and Jason Nord as Secretary. Jason Messmer seconded. All were in favor of approval.
2. **Diocesan Covid Protocols** – *Mike*
 - a. Reviewed the new guidelines the Diocese published a couple of weeks ago, which are based on the State's County color guidelines. These guidelines apply to Mass along with events in the Parish Center.
3. **Kundek Kick-off after Masses on September 4/5** – *Mike*
 - a. Quasi-reception for parishioners after this upcoming weekend Masses.
 - b. Looking to have Parish Council members help to host the receptions.
4. **2021 Catholic Parishes Campaign (CPC) Update** – *Fr. Andrew*
 - a. Sept 25/26 is launch weekend for the campaign.
 - b. Parish goal is up about \$3,000 from last year.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Church Renovation Project & Discussion** – *Van*
 - a. Existing pews are coming out. Keeping the good seats, good backs and center dividers. Bad seats and backs are being discarded.
 - a. Looking at different potential uses for the pews.
 - b. Reviewing different options for the new pews
 - c. Decision has been made to add new altar, ambo, and baptismal font, and it has been approved by Fr. Eugene. Will not give naming rights to these items because they belong to the Parish. These additions will \$275K to \$300K in cost to the project.
2. **Transition Update** – *Mike*
 - a. Nearly complete.
 - b. The move received great support from the parishioners.
 - c. Saturday, Sept 4th at 8 am will be the first Mass in Kundek Hall
3. **Capital Campaign Update** – *Dan*
 - a. Pledges total \$8,847,697 as of 8/17. Expecting to be over \$9M in the near future.
 - b. Still working on getting out a letter to 290+ parishioners who have not responded to their initial contacts.
4. **Commissions meeting on August 17th & Next Steps** – *Van*
 - a. Thanked all participants
 - b. Next meeting will be later this year.
5. **Estate Planning** – *Van*
 - a. Discussed holding a session or multiple sessions for parishioners on the estate planning process. Have a parishioner that has agreed to lead this discussion. Bridgette will be taking the lead on this.

6. **Brute Society Nominations** – *Fr. Andrew*

- c. Voting took place and recipients were selected.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

FINANCE: *Dan reported*

- **July Financial Review**

- Budgeted Income \$134,214
- Actual Income \$134,688
- Variance \$ 478

- Budgeted Expenses \$157,585
- Actual Expenses \$138,097
- Variance \$ 19,488

- **Sunday Collections**

- 2021 4 collections \$86,977.07 Average \$21,744.27
- 2020 4 collections \$91,361.81 Average \$22,840.45

- **Holy Trinity Support**

- Presented longer term plan to reduce the % of contributions coming from the Parishes and increasing the % that the families would pay.
- We reduced our expenses for Holy Trinity by \$15K this school year by using the new assessment program.

PARISH SPIRITUAL LIFE: *Tracie reported*

- No meeting was held in August.
- BOSCO Update
 - The Wettlauf was successful.
 - Last call for high school youth to sign up for NCYC 2021.
 - Net Ministries to arrive on September 18th. Host families are needed
 - Middle school social outings will be held once monthly.

EVANGELIZATION & OUTREACH: *Lynn reported*

- Angel Tree planning has started.
- St. Joseph's will be participating in Jasper's Community Day on Sept 11th.
 - Need additional volunteers to work the St. Joseph's booth
- On Sept. 25th, St. Joseph's will participate in Jasper's clean-up day

PARISH COMMUNITY LIFE: *Ben reported*

- No meeting was held in August.

LATINO:

- No report

SUCCESS STORIES/OTHER BUSINESS

- The move to Kundek on Monday went well and was supported by the community.
- Reviewed what went well in the meeting
 - New Member introductions / receiving information prior to Council meeting / the new "Strategic" format / Executive group pre-meeting / beginning to implement strategic plan / stayed on task / like room 303 for meetings / started with a prayer
- Reviewed what could we do better
 - Let Van know if you aren't attending the meeting / improved introductions from current Council members as to why they are here

Closing Prayer: Fr. Andrew led us in prayer.

The next meeting will be **August 31, at 7:00 pm** in Room 303.

Submitted by: Max Verkamp