

Parish Council Minutes
May 13, 2020

Present: Fr. Rick, David Paquet, Deborah Macy, Brian McKinney, Jessica Lyons, Gina Moll, Sarah Hormuth, Steve Barton, MaryBeth O'Rourke

The Parish Council met via Zoom. David Paquet opened the meeting at 6:35 PM with prayer. The minutes of the March 3, 2020 meeting were approved.

Fr. Rick reported the Fish Fry raised \$16,568 and the Raffle \$8,871. Our Sunday envelopes have brought in \$76,076 February, \$56,920 March, \$62,073 April. Our budget is \$76,076 per month. Considering we haven't been able to celebrate Mass due to the Covid 19 virus, we are doing very good. Fr. Rick asked the Endowment to pay a portion of our balance for ASA/High School and they agreed. St. Alphonsus did not ask for a small business loan; Fr. Rick did not feel good about it and the Finance Council agreed we should not apply. We are about \$24,000 behind on offertory and most weddings have rescheduled. We do need a late summer/fall fund raiser – all ideas are welcomed. So far, a silent auction and outside BBQ have been suggested.

The Diocese encouraged parishes to lay off all employees which we did. They are able to collect unemployment. Due to Maggie's retirement, we will have an open position for Director of Religious Education. It was suggested that we look into the Diocese requirements for the position as we move forward. Replacement is not a priority at this time.

Fr. Rick has received a letter from the Bishop regarding resuming Mass and what that will look like. Parishioners will receive a letter from the Bishop as well as Fr. Rick within a few weeks. We also discussed purchasing the necessary equipment needed to continue streaming Mass. Fr. Rick is working with Michelle Storey regarding the equipment needed.

- Social Concerns: Sack lunches are distributed on Monday and Friday, the pantry is open and well stocked, and we have scheduled two food trucks.
- Fr. Rick and Scott will continue to address the ongoing work behind the old convent (neighbor adding a gate and concrete).
- The Bishop's My Shepherd appeal is on temporary pause.
- Steve will send Fr. Rick the names and contact information of those who are in RCIA with regard to the Sacraments.
- Brian McKinney and Jessica Lyons were asked to stay on the Parish Council through the June meeting and they agreed.
- Reconciliation is available by appointment
- We were all encouraged to pray for our parishioners in general.

Our next meeting will be June 2, 2020, at 6:30 PM, via Zoom. David Paquet will send out the invitation.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Macy, Secretary