

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Nov. 18, 2020
SUBMITTED BY SECRETARY KATHY REGISTER

Meeting opened at 6:40 p.m. by president Mark Ellis. Voting members present were Mark Ellis, Beverly Kindley, Kathy Register, Kevin Berkel, James Dunleavy, Angela Storrings, Ben Davis and Greg Mudd. Committee members present were Sister Nuala, Lynn Barfield, Daniel Storey, Ken Hotcaveg, Steve Findley, Deacon Pete Falkenhausen, Vito Pelliterri, Sheryl Dasinger, Kevin Dobard, Fr. Brian and Fr. Jason.

Fr. Brian gave the opening prayer.

The motion for minutes to be approved was made by Beverly Kindley and second by Ben Davis

There were no changes to be made to them, so approved by voting members to be submitted.

Verbal reports from committee heads for the evening:

Vito Pelliterri gave a report on the school. He mentioned that they just finished the can food drive for Sister Nuala and they had a good turnout. They just finished their first intramural volleyball season. They are planning for more. The enrollment is 129 and they are utilizing the Title 1,2 and 4 from the Valdosta City school system, called Qualify for local Education Authority, which helps with additional funding for the school. He explained how that works for them to be able to apply and receive. They are working with Religious Education confirmation students as well as the 8th grade confirmation at school on a service project. They are planning on the decorating of the church for Christmas.

Daniel Storey gave a report for the High School CYM. He mentioned they just had a NET retreat Oct 26th. There were 13 kids that attended as well as volunteers. They had 5 host families for the net group leaders. They are planning on 2 retreats in February for confirmation and for the high school kids. He explained to us that CYM meets 4 times a month with one night a social, one a catechetical, one on teenage issues, and one a service project. They have 25 kids that are in CYM, but may not attend all at once due to schedules. The diocesan youth conference will be held here this year at the Rainwater Conference Center in April.

Ken Hotcaveg gave us a financial report. He stated that Oct was a good month. We continue to be able to pay all monthly expenses. The church has no debt. So a good report. Report was submitted.

Other committee reports were emailed in and submitted were from Black Catholic Ministry, Meals committee, Parish Life, Pro-Life, RCIA, Religious Education, St. Francis center.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mark Ellis gave an update for the Disciple Maker and said there is no update. He explained there were 2 surveys taken for improvements, but at this time they don't want to push new things because of shutdown.

Lynn Barfield gave us update on the Lent 2021 mission plans. They have booked Gus Lloyd for February 5-6. He and Father Brian will talk before about topic. She mentioned that a parishioner has donated \$1000 enormously towards the price of his fee.

Lynn Barfield gave an update for parish life and the chicken dinner they had for the annual Bishop appeal. The dinner made \$800 to be applied toward amount.

New Business:

Mark Ellis made mention about what can be done to attract young families. That this was one of the concerns on the survey. Right now with covid it's hard to plan social gatherings however, in the future we need to plan events for families. There was a good discussion from members present for future.

Fr. Brian brought up schedule for masses for Christmas. He wanted input from parish council. He made a suggestion to have 2 masses at 4 and 2 at 6, an 8 Spanish mass and then a 10p.m. The double masses will be one in church and one in parish center at same time with each priest doing one. The mass in church will be recommended mask and the parish center will be mask required. This will help with the limitations on amount of people per mass; he certainly doesn't want to exclude anyone. The members felt like whatever he and Fr. Jason decide, is overall good for parish. Both priests will be discussing the best way to handle confessions for advent.

Fr. Brian made mention about a Bible study interest. This would be a lectionary base bible study on the readings for the week ahead. He wants to plant a seed for after covid. This will be advantageous for young as well as old parishioners.

Upcoming:

Parish life is planning a chili supper in January, Fish Fry in February.

New Vespers Dec 6th at 6:00 p.m.

There will be no Guadalupe celebration this year. Masses Sat. night & Sun. afternoon.

Priest Comments:

Fr. Brian gave us an update on Caesar Reyes. He is not coming back to our parish. He lost his visa when he returned home for his wife and baby. The INS contacted the diocese and they terminated his job. Fr. Brian was upset with the decision and plans to contact diocese about it. He reminded us what a huge help he was to our Spanish members. He wants us to keep Caesar and his family in our prayers.

Mark Ellis, president, made mention about the meeting for December. He suggested we have no meeting and that usually there is a social event. He mentioned because of covid we should just spend time with families. Father Brian countered to have a social event. After discussion the voting members voted not to have a meeting or the social.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Kathy Register-secretary