

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES  
February 10, 2021

Present: Fr. March, Dick Dearborn, Jessica Gorman, Bob Gravel, and Carol Husmann  
Absent: Gary Weers and Dawn Koob

Fr. March opened our meeting at 7 pm with a prayer.

The agenda was approved by consensus.

The review of the meeting minutes from December were tabled.

A brief discussion was held in regard to our financial statements. Fr. March mentioned that we were not able to apply for the second round of PPP funding as we did not have a decrease of income from 2019 to 2020. There was no other questions or concerns.

New Business:

RAGBRAI:

We reviewed the minutes from the RAGBRAI meeting that was held last January, and we agreed that we would follow the same guidelines and that we wouldn't make any changes to them. We will continue to discuss RAGBRAI in the upcoming months.

Parish Subsidy to the School:

Fr. stated the school board has been working on the school's budget and they have figured out the tuition rate for next year as well as the hot lunch program. Fr. March proposed increasing the parish subsidy to the school by 2.5% which would equate to approximately \$4,000.00 more per year. (It's currently \$170,000 p/year and if approved it would go up to \$174,000.) This measure was approved by a consensus.

Real Estate Exchange with the City:

Fr. March relayed to John Machart that the Archdiocese of Dubuque and the Pastoral Council approved the measure to exchange a small parcel of land on the SW side of the school to the City in exchange for the City taking over upkeep and maintenance of that parcel. A short discussion was held about asking the City what they would charge us to blacktop that parcel when they hire a contractor to do the entire alley. We have received one quote to blacktop this parcel and the quote was for \$6,000.00.

Building & Grounds:

No update on the parish office window project at this time.

Dick Dearborn contacted Zephyr recently to get an update on the sacristy door. The door is in; however, the hold-up is on the half moon section about the door that will be made of a solid material verses glass.

#### Committee Reports:

School Board: Catholic School's Week was extended due to extreme weather conditions. Candy bar sales were also extended. The pre-school conducted their first Open House and approx. ten families came. They plan on continuing to hold one every year. Enrollments forms for next year have been mailed out. Our Annual School Appeal is just wrapping up. We will ~~not have the~~ **be having our** Mardi Gras event this year. The School Gala's theme this year is "Mass and a Meal". We will have online auction from March 18 – 21<sup>st</sup>. Participants will need to make reservations for the drive through dinner. They will also offer a different menu for children this year. Jessica reported they will have three raffle items this year.

Finance Committee: No report this month.

Stewardship: We discussed possibly having a drive through Fish Fry on March 12<sup>th</sup> as Prairieburg is having theirs on March 19<sup>th</sup> and Sacred Heart in Monticello is having theirs on March 26<sup>th</sup>. While it is possible to get one planned in just a month time frame, we discussed the possibility of having one in April or May when the weather would be better, and we'd have more time to prepare. Julie will contact some of her committee people and get back to Fr within a few days on their thoughts.

Fr discussed possible dates to the council to get their input on the Fish Fry. Members of the council liked the idea of holding off until a later date. We also discussed if it would be possible to have the Fish Fry at the church this year since it will be drive through only or whether we should still have it at the LCC in order to just use their kitchen and as they have a larger parking lot. Nothing was decided about where it would be held yet. Fr. asked the committee if we thought April 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> would work or April 23<sup>rd</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>? Father liked the idea of staying with the Lenten tradition and still have it on a Friday night. Fr. March will give these four dates to the Fish Fry Committee so they can pick a date.

Faith Formation: For Lent we will have a live watch party with several speakers or otherwise they will be recorded and archived so parishioners can watch them. We are still waiting on guidance about Totus Tuus and NCYC. Our parish is still interested in having Totus Tuus this summer if they have enough leaders to hold it and we are still interested in sending our youth to NCYC if they still have it.

We adjourned our meeting at 8:10 pm right after a closing prayer.

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Carol Husmann