

St. Patrick Catholic Church Parish Council Minutes February 25, 2020

Attending:

Fr. Jeff Shooner
Fr. Steven Reeves
Amy Alonzo - Secretary
Greg Bush
Brad Cunningham
Chip Duncan
Lynn Kolokowsky - President
Kim Mattingly - Vice President
David McConda
Mike Sandfort
Christine Schipper
Brent Whaley

Lynn called meeting to order at 6:31.

Fr. Jeff led reflection on prayer, discernment, and listening to what God wants and then allowing God to direct and lead, not only in our personal lives but the life of St. Patrick. As we look to the future of our Parish community, prayer, discernment and listening is about what does God want, where is God trying to direct and lead us, and ultimately is about recognizing that the source of our inspiration and power is God; our task is to go in the direction that God is leading us.

Following Adoration, Minutes of November 26, 2019, meeting approved.

Pastor Comments:

Lent:

- Confession and Stations of the Cross held weekly Wednesday nights
- Family Lenten experience; materials in Gathering Space

Path of Discipleship Update:

- Development continues; Sunday, March 1, POD committee will spend time prayerfully reviewing recent "Welcome" feedback
- Hopeful for something tangible for implementation by this summer

Liturgy and Liturgical Space:

- Adjusting to new space; Tabernacle is now front and center
 - Communications to Parish in latest Bulletin regarding postures; i.e., genuflection
- Screens' usage will be limited, but their purpose, when used, is meant to enhance liturgical celebration and encourage participation, not detract from it.
 - Eventual phasing out of printed paper worship aids, another part of caring for our common home, by implementing screens
 - Any art displayed will be considered high quality (no memes, cartoons, etc.)
 - Screens won't be used for live video, with the exception of perhaps Baptisms.
 - Helpful for consistency of messages from Mass to Mass

Beacon of Hope Update:

- Grateful for collections that continue to come in; number of unfulfilled pledges is very small
- Learning Commons construction may start in Spring
- Phase 2, rest of HVAC completed over next two summers
- Construction of new building hopeful for October; Preschool will transition to new building January 2021

Stewardship Renewal:

- Begins this weekend
- Transition to PushPay
- Renewals can now be completed online this year in addition to mailed packets
 - Sign-ups for all ministries online
 - Reduces barriers to people becoming engaged

New Parishioner Welcome:

- Good for Council members to attend

Ministry Updates:

Formation: David McConda

- Parish Retreat/Mission with Fr. Jim Sichko set for January 23-26, 2021
- "Welcome" Alumni Reunion recently held; 70 attendees

School Board: Brent Whaley

- No School Board meeting since last Parish Council meeting
- Implementation of new Carpool pickup system using new geofencing technology app begins next week; more controlled and secure dismissal of children

Worship: Chip Duncan

- Encouraged participation in Chrism Mass
- Easter Vigil will begin at 8:30 pm
- Shared photo of 2020 Sacred Heart Paschal Candle
- Currently training new Eucharistic ministers
 - Saturday 5:00 pm Mass especially in need of more ministers

Administration & Finance: Mike Sandfort

- End of January, Cash and Investments total \$1.6 million
- Good progress in Beacon of Hope collections
- Stewardship as of January 31, unfavorable to budget by \$38,000
- Phase 2 Construction
 - Bids have been received and are currently under review: New HVAC, four preschool classrooms, library and commons
 - Still need Archdiocesan approval
 - Tax-exempt funding will be obtained from Archdiocese in addition to BOH collections and cash reserves
- Phase 1.5, Stained Glass hopefully installed by Christmas 2020
- BB&T Loan
 - Will use \$200,000 of reserves to pay down, and refinance \$600,000 with Archdiocese
- Budget 2020/2021
 - Tuition was approved at February meeting
 - Preliminary budget will be presented during March Finance Council Meeting

Social Concerns: Christine Schipper

- Meal packing event May 9
- *40 Days for Life* begins February 26

Council Business:

- Lynn discussed Chrism Mass attendance; Chip Duncan will be Delegate.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm