

Holy Name Parish Council
September 14, 2020

Members Present: Fr. Larry McBride, Marvin Hancock, Chuck Mauzey, Steve Bridges, and Carol Stearns.

Representatives from finance, Beth Knight, youth, Carol Staples, school council, Nick Gillham, and office manager, Kaye Villines also attended.

The Covid 19 screening was completed by all.

Prayer was led by Fr. McBride.

Steve Bridges made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 3 meeting. It was seconded by Chuck Mauzey and was approved by all.

School Report: Nick Gillham reported that school resumed in person, August 26. Covid 19 regulations and Healthy at School procedures have been put into place for the safety of students and staff. It was reported that school has had a successful beginning.

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, Fall Festival has been cancelled. The school council is planning several drive by dinners to help with the loss of revenue from the Fall Festival. The recent fish fry was sold out. A dinner prepared by the Hispanic community is being planned.

Finance Report Kaye Villines attended to review the July financial report and answer any questions how the finances are reported. She explained the three funds: general operating, plant fund, and cemetery.

July's normal collections are down. It is uncertain how much is due to lower attendance because of Covid restrictions. However, ten families have signed up for online giving.

The Alles estate was discussed:

- A significant portion of the estate is land.
- While the diocese would prefer that the land be sold, as soon as possible. Talks are continuing on the best option. Field and Main will oversee the land and evaluate when the farm land should be sold.
- The Diocese has set up a LLC for the farm.
- The Alles Estate money does not have to be invested in the diocesan investment fund.

Youth Group Report: Carol Staples reported on current youth group activities. Beth Probus met with the leadership team of youth and the parent team, to plan activities for a "fun filled Covid year". Charlie Hardesty suggested that they continue to meet outside as long as possible. They also wear masks, adhere to social distance guidelines, and have a sanitizing caddy at all events. The planned events include:

- 10-/17-10/18 Middle School Retreat Day
- 10/25 Tobacco/Addiction talk presented by parish nurse, Shannon Long.

- 12/5 Senior Retreat Planning is ongoing to make sure restrictions are met.
- 2/6 Reverse Raffle

Carol reported that there are 30-50 active youth.

Hispanic Report: Fr. McBride reported that the Hispanic families who had been ill with Coronavirus have recovered. He also reported that Abraham Brown is leading an online Bible study for the Hispanic parishioners.

Buildings and Grounds: Fr. McBride reported the renovations on the house are almost completed, while the front of the church will take 1- 1 ½ months for completion. Brad Eadens is working on adding plexiglass to areas in the basement for religious education. He is also working on improvement of the WIFI. Shannon Long is working on getting suggestions for sound improvement in the multi purpose room. Improvements could be covered by the Welborn grant money.

Pastor's Report: Fr. McBride reported about Covid 19 restrictionsa:

- Live streaming Mass will continue.
- Youth group has started meeting following restrictions.
- The religious education program will start back utilizing in person and home options.
- Shannon Long, parish nurse, is starting a rosary exercise program in October. There will a beginning and more advanced level.
- Seniors are still not meeting for their lunches.
- The Altar society has met and is selling pecans and nuts.
- RCIA has resumed meeting.
- Different ministries are still volunteering at the Salvation Army Soup kitchen. They are serving drive thru meals.
- Disciples Response Fund will happen. Giving can be done by mail or in the collection.
- Family life is planning a Halloween event.
- Giving Tree changes may have to happen for this to take place.

Goals and Objectives: Fr. McBride asked for suggestions and critiques of how the staff reaches the community through this time of pandemic and while being isolated from much of the community. Discussion was positive on how the restrictions had been handled. Live streaming Mass, Facebook videos, and phone calls to families help maintain the sense of community until restrictions are loosened.

Carla Stearns made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve Bridges seconded, and all approved.

Fr. Larry led the closing prayer.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2020.