

Council Meeting Notes
January 4, 2021

The following council members attended the meeting: Fr. Larry McBride, Marvin Hancock, Chuck Mauzey, Steve Bridges, Mary Ann Campell, Carla Stearns, and Dusti Benson. Beth Knight attended as the Finance Committee representative and Carol Staples and Peyton McWilliams attended as Youth representatives.

The meeting commenced with a prayer to St. Joseph. Prior meeting minutes were approved.

Finance Report: Beth Knight reported that the November finance report showed that income for the year was down \$107,803. However, Fr. Larry reported that near the end of the year the parish received two large donations, one for \$200,000 and one for \$500,000. After a 10% assessment paid to the diocese, the \$200,000 will be used for the art installations on the corner of Ingram and the doors. At this point the \$500,000 will be placed in the general fund due to low contributions and need to pay bills. Normally, large donations are put into the Plant Fund, but due to need caused by the Coronavirus and the addition of the Alles Estate, this donation is going into the regular fund.

The Diocese was hoping to have the Alles Estate closed by the end of 2020, but Fr. Larry was not sure if it was completed. The money from bonds and various other items will be put in the Holy Name Farms, LLC. Once all the money is in the account, it will move to the parish and then to the Interparish Deposit and Loan, following Diocesan policy. Daniel Smith from Field and Main has been contracted to manage the farm land and sale of the property, when best. After everything has been completed, the parish will look into making a charitable gift to the community of Henderson.

Liturgy Committee: A beautiful Advent and Christmas season was completed. They will meet soon to plan for Lent and Easter.

Hispanic Report: Our Lady of Guadalupe was celebrated at midnight on December 11.

Social Action: The Christmas card distribution and Giving tree programs were both successful. Giving tree donations were picked up in the parking lot. It was so successful, the parish office is considering distributing the donations that way in the future.

Building and Grounds: The finish date for the front of the church is uncertain. A metal rail for handicap accessibility is being added and the sconces on the front of church are being raised. Fr. Larry is planning to contact an artist from St. Meinrad to commission an original art piece for the Ingram side of the church.

Three bids were received on the roofing project. The lowest was with a company that was familiar with the church. It includes water damage to the inside ceiling. The bid was just under \$1 million, while the other two were \$1.2 and \$1.4 million. A letter of intent has been signed with the lowest bidder, contingent on approval of the Diocesan Building Committee. Money from the Alles Estate will be used for this project.

A large screen projector and computer have been installed in the Multipurpose Room, Money for these have been awarded from a Welborn grant that included the Community Nurse. A

\$70,000 estimate has been received to reinforce the ceiling over the youth room and bathroom, along with adding stairs to a storage area in that spot.

Youth Report: Carol Staples and Peyton McWilliams reported that the last youth group meeting was in November, due to Coronavirus restrictions. However, Beth Probus, youth director, spent much of December visiting youth families (outside, socially distanced). She delivered cookie dough and prayed with 183 families!

School Report: School returned to in person today. While the virtual program in place was successful, the classroom is best. Safely and health procedures implemented by faculty and staff have been successful, with no cases of coronavirus due to exposure at school. A drive thru Christmas event for families was well attended. The school council is working on setting goals.

Pastor's Report: Along with the many items above, Fr. Larry reported that Pope Francis has named this the Year of St. Joseph. He discussed how we should reflect on the life of St. Joseph, pray for his intercession, and seek to learn from his example. The Vatican website has more information about St. Joseph and the apostolic letter from Pope Francis.

No new or old business was brought up. The meeting was adjourned