

Holy Name Parish Council
March 1, 2021

Members Present: Fr. Larry McBride, Marvin Hancock, Chuck Mauzey, Steve Bridges, Carla Stearns, Mary Ann Campbell, Lynn McDaniel, and Dusti Benson
Representatives from finance, Beth Knight, youth, Davis Cummins, and liturgy committee, Don Wathen also attended.

The Covid 19 screening was completed by all.

The Prayer was The Litany of St. Joseph and was led by Fr. McBride.

Steve Bridges made a motion to accept the minutes from the January meeting. It was seconded by Carla Stearns and was approved by all.

Liturgy Committee: Don Wathen attended in place of Jenny Mills. He reported that preparations had begun for Holy Week, with some accommodations for social distancing and coronavirus. There will be no washing of the feet and during adoration of the cross parishioners won't be able to kiss or touch the cross. During Easter vigil, there will not be a procession to the fire. Although regular RCIA has not been held, two new members will be joining the church.

There is a need for more ushers and hospitality teams.

Attendance has been going up. The church will hold about 130 people, depending on family size. Overflow continues to go to the parish hall, then the multipurpose room.

School Report: The school council is looking into helping organize and update the alumni records. Data could be used for mailing and fundraising.

Fall Festival is not being planned for 2021, although a haunted house may be planned. The council is looking into ways to fundraise, since the traditional fundraising events have been cancelled due to covid.

Finance Report Beth Knight reported that due to the gift of \$500,000 late last year, currently there is more income than was budgeted. However, regular contributions continue to be lower than budgeted. Mary Ann Campbell made a motion to accept the finance report, while Chuck Mauzy seconded the motion. The council voted to approve the report.

Youth Group Report: Davis Cummins reported that youth group was currently not meeting due to Covid restrictions. They are hoping to plan missions this summer, possibly doing work projects in town with lunch provided at church. Beth Probus, youth director, recently continued missions with Sister Sharon in Steele, MO. She delivered 40 meals to the community served by our past VBS in the area. Beth continues visiting families for "snow fights" and visiting youth at their workplaces.

Hispanic Report: Fr. McBride reported that the Hispanic families have been meeting virtually to complete the Stations of the Cross. There is also a virtual conference planned for the Hispanic community during Lent. When asked, Fr. Larry reported that there are about 50-60 Hispanic families active in the community.

Social Action: Fr. McBride reported that Ranni Dillard is currently scheduling groups to help at the Salvation Army kitchen.

Buildings and Grounds: Fr. McBride reported that Brad Eadens has an appointment this week with the roofing company. Scaffolding will be starting soon.

The sconces were removed from the front of the church. There was some damage left on the wall. Possibly plaques will be added to cover the damage. Father is still meeting with artists about the sculpture to be commissioned. Possibilities include a depiction of the Holy Family.

In the multipurpose room, the area above the youth room and bathrooms is being converted to storage. Steps will be built to access the area.

Several trees in the cemetery were damaged by ice. The Thomas family is under contact to remove the trees, but if they are too busy another company may need to be found. The road also needs work and discussions are underway about building another mausoleum.

Pastor's Report: Fr. McBride reported that he had attended a virtual conference on evangelization called, "When We Go Back to Church". There are concerns that 20 to 30 percent of the global church will not return after covid restrictions are lifted. Fr. McBride discussed the importance of focusing on what we are coming back to: hope, healing, hospitality, of course Eucharist. First steps of preparing for the return will include leadership training for the staff and parish council. Discussion was held about contacting parishioners for the return with a combination of letters and phone calls. Callers will be prepared or trained to be comfortable with the process of reaching out to parishioners to hear concerns and share prayer.

New Business: Carla Stearns mentioned that the Prayer Garden needs work. She will meet with Fr. McBride about getting started on it this spring.

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

Fr. Larry led the closing prayer.