

St. Joseph Parish Council Minutes

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Pine Room/Online, 7:00 PM

1.0 Opening Prayer was led by Fr. Keith.

2.0 Meeting was called to order by Caitlin.

3.0 Roll Call: Present: Fr. Keith, Caitlin Friedt, Jen Wyckoff, Mitch Gross, Melissa Sheppard, Elaine Heidecker, Glenda Bird. Absent: Gilberto Bernal, Maru Pacheco, Cindy Short, Cheryl Lohmann.

4.0 Glenda made a motion to approve the agenda. Mitch seconded the motion.

5.0 Reports

5.1 Committee Reports

1. Building and Grounds:

1a: No report.

1b: Repairs: Fr. Keith reported that there is no update on bids for the air conditioning project at this time.

1c: Improvements: Mitch reported that edgers will soon be placed around the trees, office and garage on the west side of the church. Rock will be placed around the office and garage, and mulch will be placed around the trees. Patio pavers will be ordered within the next couple of weeks. The foundation for the statue will be set and pavers will be placed around the foundation. In the fall plants, trees, and the lawn will be planted.

2. Outreach Committee:

2a: No report.

2b: Hispanic Ministry: Fr. Keith reported that the Hispanic ministry is facing some challenges during this time. They are looking into providing more information about the pandemic, the census, employment opportunities, and unemployment assistance. Also, the sisters may be returning to the parish.

3. Christian Community Committee:

3a: St. Anne's: No report.

3b: Christian Mothers: No report.

3c: KC Council 6308: No report.

4. Christian Formation Committee:

4a: Ongoing Faith Formation: Fr. Keith reported that there is one adult that will be soon entering the church.

4b: Trinity Catholic Schools: Maru reported that TCS recently held a professional development day. They also held a Fine Arts Recognition Ceremony at the Bandshell.

4c: Sacramental Preparation: Glenda reported that there are still a few students that are finishing up CCD courses online.

4d: First Communion: Glenda reported that 6 children have received 1st Holy Communion thus far. There will not be an official First Communion Mass. Families are to celebrate the sacrament on an individual basis. Confirmation has been scheduled for November 1, 2020. Fr. Keith will be setting up interviews with the confirmation students.

5. Pastor's Report:

5a:Fr. Keith reported that there have been several baptisms, and the deacons are ministering at Mass. The Pine Room supper on June 6 was a success! All the food was sold out before the end of 5:00 pm Mass. The Corpus Christi processional went well. Public Masses have continued with the same restrictions. The Pine Room is available for overflow of parishioners attending Mass. Mass is live streamed for viewing, and chairs are set apart to ensure social distancing. Mass will continue to be live streamed. You can stream from one of three online locations. vimeo.com/stjosephschurchdickinson, facebook.com/stjosephchurchdickinson, and youtube.com/channel/UC8mspKOii4crOxwLeeEqJ3A. We have embedded links on our webpage that are active when the feeds are live. Ushers are sanitizing the pews and railings before and after each Sunday Mass. Pews are getting conditioned once a week. Fr. Keith has been attending the online ND Health Department Stakeholder Meeting for Immigrants to help better assist our Hispanic Ministry with the presence and needs of immigrant communities during the COVID pandemic. The Great Plains Food Bank will be doing a distribution from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm on June 25 in Dickinson (Biesot Activities Center parking lot). Anyone who needs food should bring a box/container. First come; first served. No questions asked. A letter was recently sent out by Fr. Keith and is being well received. Fr. Keith has been and will be continuing to contact lectors. Lastly, the Parish Finance Council has approved a budget for next year.

6.0 Old Business

6.1 Due to Covid-19, the Parish Picnic has been cancelled for 2020.

We hope to see you all in 2021!

6.2 1st Holy Communion is being made on an individual basis.

7.0 New Business

7.1 The Grotto Mass conversation has been tabled as the grotto collapsed during the spring rains.

7.2 Officer and Committee appointments are as follows:

President: Fr. Keith Streifel

Chair: Caitlin Friedt

Vice Chair: Glenda Bird

Secretary: Jen Wyckoff

Buildings and Grounds: Mitch Gross

Outreach Committee: Melissa Sheppard and Gilberto Bernal

Christian Formation: Cindy Short, Glenda Bird, and Maru Pacheco

7.3 The search for a 9th council member continues. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Council member, please contact the parish office at 483-2223.

8.0 Future Agenda

8.1 German Night!

8.2 Next meeting: August 19, 2020 – 7:00 pm – Pine Room/Online

9.0 Closing Prayer was led by Mitch.

10.0 Glenda made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jen seconded the motion.