

## Parish Council Minutes-July 7, 2020

Members Present:

Carol Carlson, Doug Kotecki, John Scherrer, Jamie Siegert, Father David, Laura Kisting, Terry Dickinson

Members Absent: Patti Behrens, Laura Leigh (note: tried to join by Zoom but not able to), Gerry Ruplinger, Les Skertchly

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Doug

Father David began with a prayer

Minutes were approved

### Parish Council Elections

Doug Kotecki's nomination for Chairperson was tabled last meeting as Doug wanted to think about it. He accepted the nomination. Terry motioned that Doug become the Chairperson, Gerry Ruplinger become the Vice-Chairperson and Laura Leigh remain as the Secretary. Jamie seconded the motion. The motion passed. Congratulations Doug, Gerry and Laura!

### Financial Update

Laura Kisting gave an overview of the financial statements. Offertory income is about the same as last fiscal year, but other income is down as the Priests for our Future Rebate is lower than the previous year and so are the unrestricted general contributions. Expenses are lower due to personnel changes and the investments gain is lower than last year. Overall, the net income is about \$19,000. The cash flow is good right now because of the PPP loan of \$19,460. We are still waiting on guidance to apply for the loan forgiveness.

Our monthly overhead is approximately \$20,000

We are getting about \$17,000 in monthly offertory

The Diocesan assessment will be lower by \$300/month for the 2020-2021 fiscal year (from \$2,000 to \$1,700)

### Building and Grounds Updates

New a/c chiller motor was installed \$2,000

Madsen painting has been approved to do the exterior painting. It will start in August.

### Fellowship Committee

They are getting a couple quotes to install a camera permanently in the church for live-streaming that will connect directly to the sound system. They have approved \$2,000 to put towards the cost.

### Religious Education

Love Begins Here is at St. Joseph's July 7-10. Because of Covid-19 there is no central mission camp parish, but every parish has their own version of LBH. Sarah Campbell is helping Katie with the camp and all activities.

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Father David and Laura K will review the Coordinator of Religious Education's new contract, effective July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021. John Scherrer asked if an evaluation or review was done. It has not yet. Discussion ensued regarding what Katie has done with the program and that she has been doing a great job. Fr. David and Laura will be scheduling a meeting with Katie. John Sherrer motioned to give Katie a 2% cost of living increase. Carol seconded it. However, the motion could not be voted on because there was not a quorum (Doug recused himself). Therefore, the board gave a preliminary advisement and the motion will be tabled until next month.

### Parish Dinner

Raffle tickets are ready for pick up

Doug suggested phoning people who have not picked up their envelopes

Laura K will get him a list of those remaining

The idea of selling offsite was brought up but dismissed because we are not selling an item

Need volunteers to sign up to sell raffle tickets each weekend Mass Jul – Sep

Laura K will send a sign up via Flocknote

Cash prize money is secured already

Working on Raffle Baskets

Discussed having Pull Tab but since those would sell better at an in-person event, it was decided to wait on those

We will offer Take-Out Chicken Cordon Bleu and Chicken Strip Meal with pre-sold tickets. This keeps a meal option while involving the least amount of interaction by workers and participants.

Pies for dessert – will request donations from parishioners as in the past

Promoting the Festival:

Pictures of baskets in bulletin and on website and Facebook

Video of baskets on website and Facebook

Silent Auction – on Facebook only

### New Business

None

### Father David's report

*Forming Intentional Disciples* Chapter 2 Discussion – Main points by Fr. David

Pg 51 Survey: Is spreading the faith a priority? Only 6% of Catholic congregations said yes

Pg 54 Three Spiritual Journeys: 1) personal interior relationship with Christ 2) journey through the sacraments of initiation 3) journey of active practice

#2 & #3 are considered normal while #1 is considered "optional"

Pg 56 Culture of "don't ask, don't tell": Catholics are so uncomfortable talking about a relationship with God

Pg 58 Spiral of Silence: if people feel their position on a topic is in the minority, they will not speak up for fear of isolation from the majority

Pg 62 When leaders of dioceses are asked what percentage of parishioners are intentional disciples the answer again and again is 5%

Pg 63 Regarding spiritual journeys many believe there are 2 spiritual "tracks": "ordinary Catholic" and "saint"

Pg 66 Discipleship Definition from Father Cantalamessa: when "adult persons at last have the occasion to hear the kerygma, renew their own baptism, consciously choose Christ as their own personal Lord and Savior, and commit themselves actively in the life of their Church."

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Kerygma: the Greek term referring to the preaching or proclamation of the basic outline of the life, passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Pg 67 Infant Paradigm: “we often function as though the initiation of a young child into the faith is the practical spiritual norm.” This assumes the baptized child will automatically pick up the Catholic faith and continue it on in their adult life and then to their children and so on.

Pg 70 Adult Paradigm: the baptized will be called to consciously make the decision to choose to live as a disciple of Christ.

Doug asked Father David what the main point is that he wants everyone to get out of this chapter. It is the definition of “disciple”.

Father David said we are going to put the book on hold as we now are moving with the Diocese of Madison’s evangelization initiative. For next month’s discussion from the Diocese Go Make Disciples website, [www.madisondiocese.org/gmd](http://www.madisondiocese.org/gmd), read:

- 1) Bishop Hying’s Pentecost Letter
- 2) Phase I / monthly newsletter for Easter 2020

Jim Salimes has been hired as the Evangelical Coordinator for St. Joseph and St Mary. His first task will be to select 4 parishioners (with the help of Father) from both parishes to become trainers in the Reach More program by Evangelical Catholic by Labor Day.

Father David said Closing Prayer

It was moved by Doug to adjourn and was seconded by Jamie at 8:32.

Our next meeting will be August 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm.