

St. Luke's Parish Pastoral Council
2019-2020
Thursday March 12, 2020
7:10 pm

Attendees: Mary Johnson, Tonya Althaus, Deacon Fred, Gary Olson, Deacon Don, Fr. Ken, Dana Bastian, Shani Wahl and Brian Werner.

Guests: Susan Grebasch

Not Present: Jennifer Joensen, Jason Richards and Judy Jones

Opening Prayer led by Father Ken

February Meeting Minutes approval ~ motion to approve by Tonya, seconded by Dana. Motion passed

Old Business

1. Mass/Adoration/Reconciliation Time Surveys – Results

- Responses to survey were varied
- No change in mass times would be made until Father Ken has spoken to regular attendees of masses
- Suggestions to move Sunday 10:30 mass to 10:00 would be hard to manage with earlier mass ending at 9:30
- There will be no change in weekend (Saturday evening or Sunday morning) mass times at this time
- Weekday mass may change to 7:30 next school year, but Father will first discuss with parishioners that regularly attend this mass
- Sunday evening mass may change to 5:00 pm if regular attendees agree
- Reconciliation time will remain as is
- Adoration – during Lent will change to every Friday from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Jimmy Becker and family to lead effort. Deacons may have to help. If Adoration times are not filled will go back to one Friday a month. Dana to create a poster for Narthex noting Adoration Quiet time
- An additional mass may have to be added as both OLIH and St Luke's are growing. Diocese is considering allowing an Associate Priest for both parishes to share

1. Pew Cards

- Mary checked <http://www.personalizedholycards.com>
- Cost ranges depending on number of cards ordered. This site was more reasonable in cost than other sites researched
- Will look to create St Luke's own cards when Vicki back to coordinate effort
- Various topics could be shared with these cards

2. 2019 Parish Annual Report

- Shani put together this report as Vicki was unavailable
- The Council reviewed and edited the document
- Timelines/Deadlines:
 - Final suggestions for the report are due to Shani by March 17th
 - Shani will send the most current report to the Council by March 22nd
 - Approval of document by the Council due March 24th
 - Shani will print 100 copies and the report will appear on the website by March 28

- Dana will add a notification that the report is available in the March 28th and March 29th bulletin and on the TV monitor

New Business

1. Committee Updates

- **Welcome Committee – 7 new families in January. Looking to create a Family of the Month and use the TV monitor to display new family pictures.**
- **Liturgy Committee – Busy preparing for Lenten season. There will be a blessing for Expectant mothers on March 28th and 29th**
- **Social Concerns Committee – A guest speaker from Catholic Charities will be present at their next meeting on March 24th. They will direct Tithes of the Tithes funds to Sisters Well Project and had a write up in the bulletin about this effort. This committee will provide an opportunity for the parish to be involved in Habitat for Humanity, either by working on the site or providing lunches to the crew**

2. Tri-Council Discussion

- **Tithe of the Tithe discussion. Options for continuing as is or modifying. Bishop supports and is in favor of continuing as is. Father will look into the By Laws of the church**
- **Need to recreate the Stewardship Committee. This committee to handle Volunteers, Time and Talent efforts, and Tithe of the Tithe. Father to announce the need and ask for volunteers. Dana to note in the bulletin as well.**
- **Adult Faith Formation – Deacon Matt to head this up and will ask for help as needed. Looking to expand what is offered for various age groups. Discussed inviting OLIH to these events**

1. Update to the Website

- **Effort to clean up and enhance the content has begun**
- **A redesign of the website will not be done until the Diocese has given their final direction**
- **Shani to update the historical timeline to date**
- **Dana is posting on Facebook daily with St Luke's announcements**
- **Homework for the Parish Council – review St Luke's website and either email to Dana or bring suggestions/corrections to the next meeting**

1. Bike/Walk/Run Event

- **No longer being sponsored by the School/FSA**
- **Question on whether this event should be continued by the parish**
- **Dana to post on Facebook to see if anyone would want to start a Bike Club for the parish and therefore would lead an event.**
- **If no one volunteers this event will not be continued**

Father Ken's Updates

A. School/Building

- **Father discussed with the Bishop. He is concerned with the finances**
- **Will need \$750K to break ground**
- **We have applied for 2 large grants to help: Prairie Meadows and the Dalhs Foundation**
- **The school can handle the student population without new building next year**
- **205 children currently registered for school next year. 2 kindergarten classes**

B. Budgets

- Finance Council working on the overall budget
- The School Budget is done

a. **C. Coronavirus – the Bishop has sent direction**

- No longer distribute the Precious Blood
- The sick or people with immune compromised systems are exempt from Sunday obligation
- Suspended the Sign of Peace or physical contact in the church
- Discourage receiving the host on the tongue
- Empty the Holy Water Fonts
- Increase the level of sanitation
- Add prayers for Health Care workers
- Suspend visiting homebound parishioners and nursing homes
- Father will announce at each mass

Additional efforts for St Luke's

- Tonya to coordinate with Father efforts to disinfect the pews after each mass
- Father to look into new and better hand dryers for the restrooms and foot
- Discontinue Rolls and Coffee after each mass until further notice. Father to let Cari and Jimmy know

The next Parish Council meeting will be changed as it falls on Holy Thursday. The meeting was moved to Thursday April 16th at 7:10 pm.

The closing prayer was led by Father Ken

Respectfully submitted by Mary Johnson, Parish Council Chair