

**St Luke the Evangelist  
Parish Pastoral Council  
July 9, 2020 – via Zoom Meeting 7:15 pm**

**Attendees:** Mary Johnson, Tonya Althaus, Deacon Fred, Jennifer Joensen, Deacon Don, Fr. Ken, Dana Bastian, Brian Werner, Jason Richards, Gary Olson, and Judy Jones

**Absent:** Shani Wahl

**Guests:** Susan Grebasch and Alex Kramer (Seminararian)

The opening prayer was led by Fr. Ken

The June Meeting Minutes were approved with a motion by Tonya and a second by Dana

**Old Business**

- Phase 1 and 2 Progress ~ Daily masses are going well, weekend masses not as high of attendance as expected. 10:30 has the highest attendance so far. The gym is set up to accommodate any overflow.
  - Masks will now be required at the 4:30 mass and strongly recommended at the other
  - Masks will be made available for those not wearing one for the 4:30 mass
  - There will be no daily mass while Fr. Ken and Fr. James are gone the week of July 20th
- Phase 3 Preparation~ Only small meetings so far. Larger meetings will be occurring and will require masks and social distancing
- Father notes that it is unsure when the dispensation for attending weekly mass will end. Possibly mid fall or when there is a vaccine available
- Teacher situation explained concerning a covid diagnosis.
- New Council Members
  - The deadline for people to express interest in participating in the Parish Council is July 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - These people will be invited to the August 13<sup>th</sup> Parish Council meeting to ask questions
  - A vote will be held at this meeting (if needed) for the new members
- Vacation Bible School ~ the response seemed positive to online program
- Father James started today and will be in the office at St Luke's on Mondays. He will be attending various meetings as well

**New Business**

- Committee Updates
  - Welcome Committee
    - Notes 7 new families in June
    - Data shared with numbers for the parish
  - Social Concerns
    - An 8 week course on Racism via Zoom will be offered on Monday nights starting the end of July
    - They are working with KofC for Habitat for Humanity
    - Jean McPherson is taking over as chair next year (August)
- Liturgy
  - There will be no meeting in July
  - Concern with the sound quality for online masses with the new streaming configuration. Fr. Ken will look into it

- Tri-Council – July 14<sup>th</sup> (Zoom and in person)
  - No topics shared yet; Father Ken will send out an agenda
  - Father Ken mentioned fundraising pamphlet will be developed to help with sponsorships
- Oxtoberfest: October 17th
  - Virtual 5k and virtual event with silent auction on Handbid will be held vs an in-person event
  - Drive through food and entertainment are being worked on
  - New ideas for increased engagement are being developed

#### Father Ken's comments

- School
  - Many calls coming in due to the unknown status for public schools
  - School will start Aug 26<sup>th</sup> and in person
  - 210 children have registered
  - Meetings are still happening to develop plans and guidelines and will be posted on the website
  - May get more tables for lunch time
- Building
  - Bishop has given the approval to move forward
  - Hope to work with prior architect and construction company (Envision and Story Construction) depending on their bid
  - It is possible to break ground in the fall
- Budget
  - 5 year outlook is better than it was first projected based on new data
  - St Luke's will be pulling less from emergency funds
  - Tithing continues to be higher compared to the same time last year
- Father Ken is on vacation from July 20<sup>th</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>

The next Parish Council meeting will be August 13<sup>th</sup>. People interested in joining the Parish Council will be asked to attend.

The Closing Prayer was offered by Fr. Ken

A motion to adjourn the meeting was given by Gary and seconded by Tonya

Submitted by Judy Jones