

**St Luke the Evangelist
Parish Pastoral Council**

April 15, 2021 – In Person and via Zoom Meeting~ 7:15 pm

Attendance: Deacon Don, Deacon Fred, Fr. Ken, Shani Wahl, Jason Richards, Brian Werner, Dana Bastian, Mirka Deza, Fr. James, Paul Moritz, Gary Olson

Guest: Susan G.

Opening Prayer~ Fr. Ken

March Meeting Minutes~ TBD

Old Business

- Back to Church Update
 - Reaching out to parishioners Results~ <500 families contacted (voicemail, email, phone calls)
 - updated database ; many people pleased with phone call (only those who gave permission to call were called)
 - 80 prayer intentions shared
 - Mass numbers continue to increase
 - gym will remain available (some families prefer that option to spread out)
- Parish Online Directory~ Shani and Brian will continue to work through it
 - Finance and School Board will try next
- Capital Campaign Update
 - back on list for “Legacy” Grant from Prairie Meadows (\$400,000)~ announcement Mid/End of May
 - pledges are continuing to come in
 - borrow from emergency fund and use line of credit to finish out

New Business

- Oktoberfest Update
 - in person event (tentatively/hopeful)
 - similar to pre-Covid with additions from last year (9 Day Novena, etc)
 - 5k, tents, activities for kids and adults, etc
 - October 16th~ on Bishop’s schedule to visit too
- Faith Formation Update
 - 4 First Communion Masses (83 kids) and 1 Confirmation Mass over the next 3 weekends
 - Closing Mass for RE May 5th
 - CGS (Catechesis of the Good Shepard)~ available starting next year potentially
 - Vacation Bible School is back this year June 7th-June 11th
 - limited capacity~ filling up
 - donations and volunteers have started too

Committee Updates

- Welcome Committee~ 6 new registrations with 17 new family members ~680 total
 - number dropped due to ‘clean up’ of registrants
- Social Concerns~
 - 160 Easter cards collected and delivered to 3 area resident communities during Holy Week
 - Catholic Worker House meals are continuing as well
 - 40 cans for Lent with Knights went well also
- Liturgy
 - training for Altar servers with school kids and after mass during April 24th
 - Palm Sunday~ well attended
 - Holy Week and Easter masses very well attended
 - Fr. Larry 50th anniversary of ordination celebration August 8th

Father Ken’s comments

- School, Building Project
 - interior framing almost done, walls are coming next
 - classrooms are large and increasing overall storage capacity as well
 - 265 enrolled for 2021 (budgeted for 255)

- all but 10 current kids already registered~ predicting 270
- new teacher interviews ongoing
- assistance from Knights to help with wiring new building
- additional freezer will be purchased for Knights/other usage
- Temporary buildings
 - music room?
 - may need to apply for another 2 years
 - not enough space for 2 classes of 7th and 8th grade
- Budget updates
 - Finance Council will wrap up Parish Budget next week (only 5% down in tithing)
 - Loan refinancing~ lower % interest
- Green Gala
 - Casual and other changes
 - waiting for update from Joe Schmidlein
 - potential new name/branding
 - June 19th
- Purchasing large tent?
 - if multiple groups are using them, is it better to purchase?
- Parish Picnic Open House for building
 - August
- Selling Bricks Fundraiser
 - outside courtyard~ near the front door
 - \$19 cost with \$100 donation
- South Parking Lot
 - landscaping will need volunteers late spring
- North sidewalk deal being negotiated to lower
- Property North and West of us
 - ATI~ rezoned to townhouses and single family homes
 - up to 18th St. additional townhouses

Next Meeting – May 13th

Motion to adjourn~ Jason, 2nd Brian

Closing Prayer

Summary:

We are growing in so many ways! The school enrollment is increasing and we are expecting even more registrants before 2021. Oxtoberfest will be back in full force as well. Altar server training will be happening during school as well as after mass April 24th. A celebration for the completion of RE will occur May 5th for mass. The new building is coming along as well. An opportunity to purchase a brick to be positioned near the North entrance is coming soon. Watch the bulletin for announcements and more news about how St. Luke's is growing. Next meeting Zoom and in Person May 13th.

Submitted respectfully, Judy Jones Parish Council Member