

Parish Council Minutes 07/14/20

In attendance: Ned Banks, 9:30 rep; Peggy Shouse, 9:30 rep; Craig Thornton, 7:15 rep. Al Reichelt, Liturgy Committee co-chair; John Moore, Education & Enrichment chair; Jim Casey, Ad Hoc Committee chair; Peggy Meyer, Social Action Committee chair; Fr. Ray Chase, Pastor; Graham Y.

The meeting opened at 7:30 with Peggy Shouse reading the parish mission statement as our opening prayer.

Pastor's report:

- Park: Will take on a contractor to clean the park, parking lot, church steps and surrounding area.
- Depending on how things develop we may hire him.
- Conversations with the city to see about installing a porta potty
- Dave will be welcomed into full communion at Easter, but wasn't able to so the it will take place on Sunday 7/19/2020
- Budget report will be presented to the council during the August meeting.
- Father Dick had a successful surgery

Ad Hoc Committee for Church Reform:

- The committee has submitted their constitution.
- Council voted to approve the constitution on Committee for Church Reform and that the committee approved and an official part of the parish council

Social Action Committee & Green Team:

- Updates will be included in the newsletter

New Business

Potential Survey of Parish Community

Suggested questions

- What is working and what has not worked during this time
- What are the spiritual needs that we need to meet and how can the parish meet them
- Thinking of post pandemic life; and what do folks want to see
- What kind of parish do we want to have post pandemic
- Who has access to online meetings and who does not
- What needs do the families have and how can we support them

Ideas to support and increase social interactions

- Virtual dinner for 8
- Increase Coffee Klatsch
- Virtual book clubs

- How do we make our homes our spiritual homes as we receive the liturgy at home

How to execute survey:

- Mail survey- Covers folks w/o technology requirements and gives more depth
- Electronic-Survey Monkey, Doodle, email. There is a small percentage of parishioner with limited technology
- Phone call- may not provide people enough time to respond
- Following up with folks that don't complete survey

Banner

- Church banner has not been changed and it is time to change it
- There is a word limit for visibility with banner
- Consider quotes from Pope Francis, USCCB, Black Catholic Bishops of the U.S. and the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church
- Some text may seem as confrontational
- Some statement convey loss versus gains
- Social Justice Committee would like Black Lives Matter
- A combination of Racism Degrades the Sacred Dignity of Human Kind, Black Lives Matter
- How does the banner tie faith and action
- Banners can be added to two of the new signs; one big banner and two smaller banners w/ more text
- Banner will read: Racism Defiles the Image of God (bigger), Black Lives Matter (BLM style)