

St Max Kolbe Parish Council Meeting Jan 14, 2021

Present: Scott Wallenfang, Gordie Schmitt, Jim Prochaska, Michelle Bukowiec, Jean Pautz, Father Nusi

Minutes from the November parish council meeting were reviewed. Jean had some additions to those minutes. She will send the updates to Kathy. After the updates are reflected in the minutes they can then be routed and approved via email.

Covid 19 guidelines – it was decided that we no longer need to take temps when entering church. Per Father, Holy Trinity has already stopped taking temps before mass. We will continue with the pew sanitation process after mass. The diocese is not insisting on the 25% capacity limit for mass anymore but social distancing is still to be maintained.

Father would like to have St. Max create a Facebook account, similar to what Holy Trinity has set up.

The timing of Father Greg moving out of the St. Max rectory was discussed. Scott will send an email to Barry M at the diocese to begin the discussion process with the diocese on the option of renting the rectory to the diocese for retired priests, visiting priests, etc. The council is not in favor of just renting out the rectory to the public.

Scott reviewed the financial results for the first half of the fiscal year. We finished the first half with a surplus of \$16,900, \$10,300 better than our budget. The biggest favorable variance was from the \$7,600 PPP loan that was forgiven and became grant income. This was not in the budget.

Scott reviewed the WeShare online giving program that is currently used by Holy Trinity. After discussion of the cost of the program and other online giving options the council decided to go forward with a two year trial of WeShare. Scott to develop the benchmark measures to determine if the WeShare program is beneficial.

Scott noted that he will do research on the next round of PPP that is available.

Buildings and Grounds – No update available. Bruce Unterbrunner is the snow shoveler this winter.

Rel Ed. Update from Michelle - Confirmation was held December 6 and first communion was held the following week, December 13. 1st communion for the spring of 2021 date TBD. In class Faith Formation started Jan 13. Rotating schedule every other week between upper grades and lower grades. Homework is assigned for the off week. Masks are required for class. Classes will run through the end of April.

Father announced he will be on vacation May 2 through June 15.

SOMI update from Jean. SOMI has been busy with fundraisers. Cookie and candy sale in December, Chili sale in January. SOMI donated \$1000 for the church roof repairs.

Next meeting March 11 at 6pm

Father closed the meeting with a prayer.