

**St Luke the Evangelist  
Parish Pastoral Council  
October 8, 2020 – in person & via Zoom Meeting 7:15 pm**

**Attendees:** Fr. Ken, Fr. James, Deacon Fred, Deacon Don, Deacon Matt, Shani Wahl, Dana Bastian, Jason Richards, Mirka Deza, Gary Olson, Paul Moritz and Jennifer Joensen

**Absent:** Brian Werner, Judy Jones

**Guests:** Susan Grebasch

The opening prayer was led by Fr. Ken

The September Meeting Minutes were approved with a motion by Gary and a second by Paul

**Old Business**

- Back to Church Update
  - attendance is increasing at all 4 services
  - 96 Sat 4:30 PM w/25 in gym; 140+ Sun 8:30 AM w/20-40 in gym; 140+ Sun 10:30 AM w/20 in gym; 100 Sun 6 PM
  - Communion Line needs reminders from Priest to avoid confusion. Priest/Eucharistic Minister will move closer in so line can pass behind and move smoother.
- Oxtoberfest
  - goal is \$10k
  - considering purchasing remote and 2-3 cameras for more professional quality video for streaming Masses. The cameras are about \$1,800 each. Will also need computer and software.
  - reviewed schedule of events which include: Novena, raffle tickets, Divine Mercy, the Feast Day, outdoor Rosary, outdoor concert, strudel baking with Fr. Ken, costume contest and stein holding contest.

**New Business**

- Director of Faith Formation, David Reising
  - plan is for him to attend our next meeting
- Committee Updates
  - Welcome Committee
    - 9 new families in September, with 20 new family members
    - 720 total in the parish
    - Dana shared numbers for the parish via email
  - Social Concerns
    - conducting a winter clothing drive 10/16-18 with the collection going to House of Mercy, Catholic Charities and Catholic Worker House
    - will be reinstating tithe of the tithe
  - Liturgy
    - no updates
  - Parish Council Google Drive
    - Mike Gatzke set up drive to store all PC documents in one organized location and to ensure continuity between members
    - Shani also created a drive for Oxtoberfest

- Open Items
  - Online Directory: PC has been discussing for a year; Brian found an online directory site that Vicki approved for us to move forward. The idea is for new families to send their own photo to the Welcome Committee to upload. Could also include local businesses of parishioners and list committee members. The PC is moving forward with this project.
  - Building our Community: been recently brought up again; i.e. re-establish stewardship committee or form a subcommittee from PC. We would need to establish the definition and purpose of the committee; what we are and what we are not going to be doing. Fr. Ken will ask Fr. Larry the history of the stewardship committee.
  - RCIA: Deacon Matt hosting online orientation on October 15 via Zoom; will meet every Tuesday and use same curriculum as in the past.

#### Father Ken's Comments

- School
  - 242 students with 2 more starting next week and 1 inquiring
  - some families may leave as Ankeny is starting full-time for K-5 on October 19th
- Building Project
  - Fr. Ken is finishing up contracts with the Diocese and Story Construction
  - guaranteed max price \$2.38 million
  - we are about 300k short with pledges and may need a short-term loan to finish
  - goal is to break ground by late October
- Budget Updates
  - tithing is down about 8-10%, but school does not need the full amount as student enrollment has increased
  - Fr. Ken will have a tithing discussion with the parish after Oxtoberfest
  - will start working on school budget, teacher salaries and tuition for 2021-22. Budgets are due January 2021.
- Questions for Fr. Ken
  - Mirka inquired on Sat AM Mass. The Liturgy Committee is discussing this since we now have Fr. James to assist. i.e. 8:30 Sat Mass starting during Advent. Will hold off on Adoration until COVID passes and once the school is not using the narthex for band.

The next Parish Council meeting will be November 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Closing Prayer was offered by Fr. Ken

A motion to adjourn the meeting was given by Paul and seconded by Gary. Meeting ended at 8:05 PM.

Submitted by Jennifer Joensen