

St. Luke the Evangelist

Parish Pastoral Council

June 17, 2021 – in person & via Zoom Meeting 7:15 pm

Attendees: Fr. Ken, Deacon Fred, Shani Wahl, Jason Richards, Mirka Deza, Gary Olson, Judy Jones, David Reising and Jennifer Joensen. Guest: Susan Grebasch

The opening prayer was led by Fr. Ken

The May Meeting Minutes were approved with a motion by Gary and a second by Jen

Old Business

- Back to Church Update
 - removed mask mandate for Saturday 4:30 PM Mass.
 - attendance is back 70-80%
- Parish Online Directory
 - was on hold and now revisiting this project this summer
 - Parish Council and School Board have access to upload photo/profile to test system -
- Capital Campaign Update
 - waiting for Prairie Meadows grant decision; asked for 300k to fulfill pledge shortage - approximately 100k of pledges will not be fulfilled due to job changes, moving, etc. - those who have fulfilled phase 2 pledges are receiving thank you letters from Annette - the plus one pledges are currently coming in
 - a Future Phase Fund is being established for those who want to give for future building growth
- Oxtoberfest
 - Shani will set up a meeting to volunteers to plan

New Business

- Tri-Council Summary/Highlights/Discussion Items
 - Fr. Ken provided a brief overview of the meeting
 - Tithe of the Tithe was a major discussion. Finance Council will probably increase to 5%. - Misty gave overview of school, hiring, classroom sizes, etc.
- David gave overview of RE, Faith Formation, plans for growing the program and involving families moving forward.
- Parish Council Members
 - Will need 3-4 members to replace Dana, Shani Gary & Brian
 - Fr. Ken will announce, will also be in bulletin and weekly newsletter
- Faith Formation Update, David
 - Discussed programs he will be starting in the fall including "Family of Faith" and "Three to Thrive"
- "Communio" is being offered as a gift from a group of members from the Diocese
- Committee Updates
 - Welcome Committee: 5 new registered families; 693 total families.
- Social Concerns:
 - Tithe of the Tithe-Committee members agreed that the amount allocated for Tithe of the Tithe (from the months of February, March and April) should be used to address an

increase in food insecurity locally and globally, due to the coronavirus pandemic. They also designated as shown below to continue our commitment to Habitat for Humanity, Catholic Circle of Faith.

Habitat for Humanity, Catholic Circle of Faith \$1,000

Mary's Meals \$1,000

IMPACT Community Action Partnership \$1,000

Catholic Worker House \$ 750

\$3,750

Meals From the Heartland-they want to continue their work with "Meals From the Heartland" and will plan to use funds from the next two months' allocation. Will explore the possibility of having a meal-packing event again.

Project Fresh Start-St. Luke's parish has been very generous in past years in donating school supplies for area schools in late summer. This drive was not held in 2020 due to the coronavirus.

Mission Project: 2 sisters from Kansas City will discuss their Mission at the June 26-27 Masses; hosts are needed for their housing.

- Liturgy: do not meet in the summer, altar server training is June 26-27.

Father Ken's Comments

- School: growing very quickly; projected to have 282 students. Exit interviews conducted for those teachers leaving. All new teachers hired except for the Counselor. Discussed the Diocese plans for School Regionalization. We will need a member from St. Luke's for serve on the Board. - Building Project: still on schedule
- Budget Updates: 30-40k behind budget due to tithing down from the pandemic. Discussed bricks that will be sold in July/August to raise funds for a brick garden.
- Other: Nick Ray hired as the new parish marketing employee. Start date is June 28th. Vicki and Dana will train him on responsibilities. Kendra will focus on the school responsibilities. - Parish Website: needs an update and was on hold when Bishop Pates was in office. He wanted a Diocesan-wide format for all parishes. That has to been an initiative of B. Joensen. In the interim, Fr. Ken recommend we move forward with an update to our website.

The next Parish Council meeting will be in August. We don't meet in July. Shani will email any updates. The Closing Prayer was offered by Fr. Ken

A motion to adjourn the meeting was given by Judy and seconded by Jen. Meeting ended at 8:15 PM. Submitted by Jennifer Joensen

David Reising, St. Luke's Faith Formation Director gave an update on upcoming faith formation programs. The school is doing well with a projection of 282 students. The building project is coming along nicely and an open house will be scheduled in late July. We will be starting a brick fundraiser program in July to raise money for the parish. We are moving forward with a couple parish updates, including an online parish directory and new website. Parish Council does not meet in July, our next meeting will be August 12.