

**Date:** November 11, 2020

**Subject:** Holy Spirit Church Parish Council

**In Attendance:** Father Anthony Dill, Kate Reed (Chair), Janet Parks, Jeffrey Pallozzi (Secretary), John Ciardullo, Ron Lay (Virtual), Susan Kelly-Dreiss, Carla Christy-Gallo (Virtual) Marc Frailey (Finance Chair)

**Excused Absence:** Pat DiNunzio

**Minutes:**

- Opened with a Prayer – Father Anthony
- Finance Report (Marc)
  - Moved \$44K to general savings in Sept
  - Completed 2 projects, East end lot and handicap doors (\$8.5K in donations)
  - New focus giving for the pavilion project
  - Parish owes \$30K to the 2020 Diocesan Annual Campaign of which shortage has been allotted in the financial plan for the year
  - Continue to be on pace for Sunday collections
- Review/edit/approve September minutes
  - **Motion:** Motion to pass Sept 2020 meeting minutes subject to revisions put forth by Susan and seconded by John. Motion passed by the council
- Christmas Schedule (Father Anthony)
  - Open discussion with proposed Christmas schedule.
    - Christmas Eve - Rent an outdoor tent for a 2PM and a 3:30PM outside mass (bring your own chair). Inside for 5:30 PM & Midnight
      - Council has concerns with indoor masses hitting capacity. Discussed whether we should consider reservations, survey to sample parishioners.
      - It will be difficult to capture accurate data, Father to share thoughts in Christmas Letter to the Parish and address capacity concerns
      - Live stream in social hall, classrooms and old church for both masses if necessary
      - Livestream Masses on YouTube
    - Christmas Day 11AM
  - Council supports the idea, father to share approach with Covid team
- Other Business (Council Members)

- Pat DiNunzio advised that KofC elected not to have their Wine and Cheese function in the fall but will consider spring time. Coat drive is proceeding.
- Doris - Good response to Christmas card calendar collection. Hope is to have Mark Totaro do a Catholic Charities presentation when Covid dies down. Also working on recruiting more members
- Kate announced that next meeting is in January 2021 and we should be thinking about Parish Council solicitation. Kate will send out an email beforehand to discuss timeline and approach with a focus on effectiveness
- John – Fish Fry is tentative for February.
  - Intent is to plan for a curbside system and number the parking spots
    - Runners would provide menu/order, run it out and bring food to parishioners
  - Training all volunteers critical as they will be working with food what needs to happen to meet health standards/requirements when serve food
  - Discussed options for accepting payment (cash/credit/check) how runners would work etc.
  - Should we consider limiting menu choices?
    - Possibly eliminate soup. There will be no desserts (home baked goods not allowed)
  - Start advertising in Dec for volunteers as there will need to be a food handling and safety training
  - Covid Form – For Fish Fry
- Father Anthony – Women’s Ministry had a successfully bible study and faith discussion program and Father would like to support small faith based group formation
  - Susan indicated it was a great structured experience for the participants to grow in faith together
  - Council members supported and offered a variety of suggestions to consider including structuring topics, offering options, prayer groups, linking to actions, etc.
  - Father would like council members to continue to share ideas
- Benevolence Committee – Currently provides money to those in need. Do we want to create an additional ministry or committee that follows up with those we supported?

- Susan and Father Anthony shared that ongoing planning and support is needed with a focus to help those who need long term support, financial education and/or development
  - Currently, program is focused on budgeting after bringing back bills up to current amount due

- **Conclusion:** Meeting adjourned with prayer.

Next meeting Jan 20 2021