

St. James Parish Council Meeting

September 2, 2020

Meeting opened with a prayer.

Christ at the Center: Faith Formation: Romans 13:8-10

Obvious? What would/does it mean to love your neighbor?

- Teach them how not to sin
- Reconciliation
- Identifying our neighbors, you must think outside our “neighborhood”
- During Covid:
 - o Saying extra prayers during for all to see God. People being kind, even helping with small gestures, etc.
 - o Now more of a verbal conversation, people seem to talk more with masks
 - o People listening more
 - o Wearing masks is an act of kindness toward others
 - o Media acceptance of thoughts/beliefs – not total discourse

Review of the Pastoral Report and Financial Report

Reports handed out by Fr. Nolker

- Stopped All ministries in March so there were all zeros. Those were taken out.
- Sunday count only down 40 vs. October 2019
- 405 people this past weekend, young families coming back
- Noted half the masses in 2020 due to half the priests
- 1st Communion – none in report because they were postponed due to Covid (will be in next year’s report)
- RCIA
 - o 5 Catechumens
 - o 2 Candidates
- 2 more coming in any week
- Festival 2019 - \$53,000
- 2020 Raffles - \$23,000 (Grand Prize/Bengals)
- PPP loan from Government of \$440,000 (Will be in 20-21 budget report)
 - o Used for Salaries – full forgiveness of loan
- Froze Salaries
- 2020 budget was approved in May by Council
- School will not make budget this year. Hopefully loan will help
- 2020-2021 could leave little to no surplus

Review of the School enrollment, etc

- Expecting 540 students down to 530
- 13 virtual students – all for excellent reasons
- Some people pulled out completely to do public school virtual (they are not guaranteed a spot next year)
- Next Spring could need to leave people off of payroll
- Safety issues for Covid supported by Government Grant
- Panther Prowl lost \$20,000 to \$27,000
- Made adjustments (non-essential)
- Panther Prowl and Government Grant going to air condition cafeteria
- Before and After School Program is way down, usually a money maker
- 7 new hires since end of July
 - o Of note, Emily is Theresa's replacement, Chris is coming from New York to be in Technology, and Dr. O'Mahoney is coming with a PhD. to teach Science

Update on Capital Projects

- Sound System being "tweaked"
- Live Streaming in process. Waiting for equipment. Day install. Supply and demand on Equipment that's why it is taking so long.
- 10 AM Mass will be streamed
- 8:30 AM will eventually be streamed
- Pan/Tilt/Zoom Cameras – 2 in church, wiring undercroft for portable camera
- Organ installation – Meeting 9/1/2020 with installers and movers. We be here in the next week.
- Install will be one day from 9 am – 5 pm sometime in the end of September
- New Scout Building – adding onto maintenance garage starting next week

Parish Ornament for Cathedral

- 175th Anniversary of St. Peter & Chains Minor Basilica
- Erma (Mom) and Bill (son) Olberding designed the ornament
- Stainless steel ornament – 2 made and being engraved
- Karen Wiesman is making an ornament with the kids in art class for the tree at St. Peter & Chains Minor Basilica
- 1987 is the last time this was done
- Thanks to Nancy Thomas for organizing this endeavor

Pastor's Comments

- Seniors
 - o Ed Henn resigned
 - o VP passed away
 - o Still not meeting
- Paul and Marilyn Mollman – no Christmas party for seniors
- Father's Ministry – starting

- Rooms in Parish Center set for 10 or less, Marion Room set for 12-13
- 10 person limit for meetings
- Wedding anniversary breakfast – cancelled
- Volunteer Dinner – cancelled

Next Meeting in October and new DRE would like to come and meet Council.

Meeting ended with Night Prayer at 8:10 PM.