

Minutes of Holy Angels Parish Council Meeting:

8/20/2020

Our Mission: To bring Christ's love to our community through worship, education, service, and outreach.

Present: Fr. Howard, Angie Bell, Dick Geldreich, Nic Meyer, Ashley Schallitz, Dick Stommel, Scott Helnes, Greg Bohn.

Not Present: Mike Melaney, Deacon Mark Jansen, Britt Tillman, Jamie Wallner

Opening Prayer: Angie Bell

Approval of last meeting's minutes: June meeting minutes were not available. Will review June and August meeting minutes at September council meeting.

Parish update: Per Fr. Howard, despite the pandemic, the parish is doing well both spiritually and financially, overall. A letter with updated COVID-19 information will be sent to parishioners the week of August 24th. The weekend and weekday in-person masses are going well. For the most part, attendees are observing social distancing and wearing face masks. Total weekend mass attendance is approx. 250 people. Reconciliation is being offered in back of church as the reconciliation rooms are too small to allow for distancing. They have been busy with weddings, funerals, and baptisms. They are still not allowed to distribute communion to nursing homes, etc. but will allow a parishioner to bring to a family member (if arrangements made with Deacon Mark/Fr. Howard). They expect to open the Sunday 9:30 AM mass for in-person attendance soon while continuing to provide mass via live-stream. The concern is having enough time/help to adequately clean necessary areas between masses. Faith Formation classes will be provided virtually for at least September and October. Not using the school building on Sunday evenings will help reduce the need for additional cleaning. Some committee/ministry groups can begin to meet in-person (may need to split into smaller groups/half depending on how many group members). At this time, parish facilities (church hall, Walnut/Cedar rooms, school gym) are not available for any other use than HAS or HA Faith Formation. Dick Stommel asked Fr. Howard if he expects the September 6th dispensation of the obligation to attend Sunday mass to be extended again. Fr. Howard stated that he does not expect the date to be extended again. Fr. Howard mentioned that there will now be two weekly school masses: Thursday AM will be for the junior high students (6th -8th grade) and Friday AM will be for students (K5 – 5th grade). The public will be allowed to attend both masses. The parish was able to celebrate First Communion with afternoon masses on Sunday, August 16th and 23rd.

Committee Reports: No committee updates received prior to the meeting. Angie asked if any of the standing committees (other than School and Finance) have met recently. Father Howard said that the groups are now allowed to meet and that the parish staff will be reaching out to those committee chairs to encourage them to meet in the near future. No Finance committee update.

School Reopening Plan: See separate document also. School starts on Monday, August 31st. The staff and teachers are preparing for the new school year to begin. 98% of students will report in-person. 10

students have selected virtual option. Anne is confident that the school has adequate PPE (personal protective equipment)/masks, cleaning supplies and thermometers to start the school year. Air purifier systems have been purchased and are in transit. Some donations for the purchase of the air purifiers have been received. Anne will mention in August 24th family email/bulletin. Anne will hold in-person "State of the School" meetings for parents on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (August 25-27th). She will share information about the instructional options: in-person, virtual and full virtual platform (if classes/school are forced to close temporarily, Standards Based Grading (SBG), PowerSchool (new school information system), Ready Math (new math curriculum), etc. Meetings will separate families alphabetically (A-G, H-P, R-Z). Open House/School supply drop-off will be on Sunday, August 30th. Schedule will follow same alphabetic groupings. Professional development and training for teachers is scheduled for August 24-28th. Training will include Google classroom (3rd – 8th grade) or SeeSaw (K3-2nd grade) and live-streaming and recording lessons. Fall sports have been cancelled for the elementary and junior high level per the archdiocese. Fr. asked that council members let him know if they hear chatter/complaints related to the school reopening.

Pastoral council election: No update. Fr. Howard mentioned that while we are not able to have an election we can make leadership changes within the current council. This will be an agenda item for September Exec board meeting. Exec board meeting scheduled for Monday, August 31st at 6:00 PM.

State of the Parish meeting: Tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, September 16th. Dick Stommel will discuss with Mike Melaney this week. Meeting may need to be postponed.

Closing Prayer & adjournment: Meeting adjourned 7:45 PM

Next meeting: **Thursday, September 24, 2020 6:30 PM (church basement)**