Parish Council minutes 8/3/20

Present: Steve Bentz, Bob Current, Adam Freiburger, Carole Fuller, Susie Hague, Keith Heimann, Joe McKenna, John Minick, Margaret Ryan, Dan Schneider, Patty Sosenheimer, Fr. Tom

1. **Prayer**
2. **Welcomes and thanks**. We welcomed and introduced our new members and expressed our gratitude for our outgoing members: Jay Nelson, Mary Ann Slater, Dave Stevens, and Mark Wissel
3. **Parish Council Guidelines**. We reviewed the guidelines and talked about the importance and the function of a parish council.
4. **Corona virus**. We talked about the efforts to provide safe liturgy and the many efforts involved in opening the school. We have worked on communication; a tenth Fireside Chat is soon to be released and we have had two full-parish mailings during the pandemic. Fr. Tom doesn’t know of any parishioners who have been Covid positive for the past four or five weeks.
5. **Cancelations** due to the pandemic: Cardinal Fest, 9/12. Diocesan Confirmation Retreat, 9/19. Organ concert, 9/25.
6. **Events still planned** despite the pandemic: School opening, 8/11. Parish Confirmation retreat 10/3. Confirmation 11/21. Borromeo Bash, 2/6 (dependent on the results of a survey in the works)
7. We have subscribed to **Evangelus,** a service that allows us to do a full-parish e-mail or text. We will need people’s permission to take part and we will promise to make this a fairly rare event. Using this platform we can give reminders of holy days, advertise penance services or guest speakers or other big parish events. We will try to promote this from the pulpit, on our electronic sign, through a Fireside Chat, by the school newsletter, in the bulletin, on Facebook, and probably also in Gathering Space recruitment. It is easy to sign up; simply go to [eva.us/stcfw](http://eva.us/stcfw) and enter contact information, choosing to receive either e-mail or texts from the parish.
8. **Lenten speaker**—We are trying to line up a speaker, Tim Francis, to give a talk during lent. We will then build something around that to fill three or four nights.
9. **Knights of Columbus Garage Sale** 8/28-30. The Knights are organizing a Men’s Toys and Tools sale. This is an intriguing idea. Proceeds will go to the parish.
10. **Church renovations**. A committee has been working with a liturgical architect to come up with designs for renovating our church, allowing access and visibility to the tabernacle from both church and chapel. When the ideas are a little more concrete, we will present them to the parish. We will have to wait for fundraising until the pandemic is ended and we can see where our financial state lands.
11. We had an update on the **school renovation** progress. A preschool room is ready to go; the music room has been turned into a preschool classroom. The teacher’s lounge is being cut in half to allow for a small classroom for the Spanish teacher. That project should be done for the beginning of school. A downstairs classroom is under plan to replace the music room. There is more complicated construction necessary with ventilation issues for the downstairs room; this project will take longer and we will likely not offer music classes right away as the school year begins.

Next meeting: Sept. 2, 7 p.m.