Parish Council minutes 3/4/20

Attendance: Fr. Tom, Bob Current, Sam Ensley, Adam Freiburger, Carole Fuller, Susie Hague, Steve Lutz, John Minick, Jay Nelson, Margaret Ryan, Dan Schneider, MaryAnn Slater, Dave Stevens

1. Corona virus/ flu. We will eliminate the shared Communion cups until danger has passed. We are talking about the Sign of Peace; it can be eliminated or we could ask folks to bow or nod instead of a handshake. Decision to be made by the weekend.
2. Church renovations/ capital drive. We are awaiting an architect to give us his ideas for the church renovations. The capital fund drive can’t begin until we have a good idea of the cost of the project and also have convincing sketches to use for promotion.
3. Lenten series. The first of three Thursday evenings was well attended and well presented. Fr. Tom will present the second evening. The third evening (which had been planned by Fr. Dennis before he was transferred) will be a simple repeat of Fr. Tom’s “Pope on a Rope” presentation.
4. St. Patrick passion. We have put in another invitation for St. Patrick parishioners to present the Passion on Good Friday. We haven’t heard a response yet.
5. Redeemer Radio speakers. Dan Schneider, Bethany Bessesen and Gene Tippmann will speak during the St. Charles hour on March 20.
6. Church nursery. We have two volunteers but need more if we are to provide regular staffing.
7. Safe Environment procedures. The procedures for adults to contact teens have become more complex. Adults need a permission slip from the teen’s parent and then need to copy any e-mails or texts to both teen and parent. All communication should come through a parish phone number or server.
8. New council members. We will need to discern new council members at our May meeting. Fr. Tom will put a note in the bulletin and council members are asked to look for good candidates and ask them if they would be willing.
9. School renovations. We are in need of more classrooms in the school. An architect is looking at the renovation of our current teacher’s lounge and a storage area in the Hession Center basement next to the Band Room to provide new classroom space. We want to have new rooms available for the start of the 2020/21 school year.
10. Volunteer opportunities. Suzie Hague is going to try and find a date or two that we could provide 5 volunteers to serve lunch at the Rescue Mission. We will see if council members are available and look beyond if they are not.

Next meeting: May 6, 7 p.m.