St. Anthony Parish Council
February 20, 2020
Parish Center / 6:00 pm

Previous to the start of the Parish Council meeting, there was a Skype video conference with Fred Ebeling in Florida concerning the updating of the school building at St. Anthony's. Fred has been hired as the consulting architect on the restoration/updating of the school and will return to the Quad Cities this spring to be present assessing the needs. Bill Ashton will first do a “Condition” report on the school. A previous report had been done and if it is found St. Anthony's will start from there. Attending this video conference also was Vic Quinn and Linda Bower, Trustees; Sam Lazio, Finance Council; members of the Stewardship Committee; and members of the Building and Grounds Committee. The meeting was started with an introduction by John Cooper as to the history of the school building and why restoration is being initiated – the merger of St. Anthony and St. Mary's on July 1. The number of children in the Religious Education classes will increase beyond the space now occupied in the Parish Center. Other events of the merged Parish will require more meeting space also. A Design Plan committee of Vic Quinn of Finance; //to be named//from Stewardship Committee; Al Gahagan, Parish Council and Bill Bailey from Building and Grounds was appointed to work with the restoration.

The video conference was concluded.

Parish Council members present for the Council meeting: Larry Duke-President, Al Gahagan, Louis Granato, Tom Pastrnak-Vice President, Clarence Darrow, Joe Laverty, John Cooper, Denise Hoteling, Deb Williams, Tina Wagschal, Kim Noftsker, Fr. Apo.

There was an opening prayer.

The minutes of the January 16, 2020 meeting were approved as written.

AGENDA

Details and adjustments involved in the change of the merger of St. Anthony and St. Mary will hopefully by smooth transition. Council members were asked what questions they had about adjustments and changes concerning Mass times, councils, committees, staff, Spanish and Latin masses. St. Mary's is looking forward to the merger and felt very welcome at their visit to our Parish.

STAFF REPORTS

Accountant: Deb Williams. A cash flow report had been emailed to each council member.
DRE/Youth Ministry – Denise Hoteling. A movie night showing the Ten Commandments will be held March 7. Three catechists are retiring from the program. Renewed training of teachers is planned as all are volunteers.

Business Manager and Pastoral Associate – John Cooper. An overview plan for the School Building was given to each Council Member. There will be an approximate increase of 150 Religious Education students upon the merger. Investigations into many current aspects of the building (lead based paint, asbestos materials, window and door condition, ADA compliance) will have to be completed. Contractor selection and finance will follow. The timeline planned for construction/remodeling is to commence work on July 1 with completion by January 1, 2021.

Music Director – Kim Noftsker. Rehearsals for all choirs, ensembles, band continue. The children's musical will be April 5. The Adult Choir has a new musical in production.

PASTOR'S CORNER – Fr. Apo.

Ash Wednesday is February 26. Lenten programs are outlined in the bulletin. The Faith Formation Committee is sponsoring “Activated Disciples” - a 40 day program with a book and journal, attendees meeting at the Parish Center on Tuesday evening. The program will finish with a Seder Meal. News on the rebuilding of the Confessional at the rear of St. Anthony Church and the continuation of construction at St. Joseph's in the Congo are printed in the church bulletin and the electronic newsletter. The doors and windows of St. Joseph's are completed but the floor and ceiling are not yet finished.

A motion was made for adjournment, a second and the meeting adjourned.

Fr. Apo led the closing prayer with special mention of Mary Wacker and Msgr. Schmidt.

The next meeting will be March 19, 2021.

Submitted by Marlene Metzgar-Thompson.