

## Holy Cross Parish Council Minutes

August 20, 2020 Meeting

Opening Prayer

Approval of Minutes: minutes were approved from the previous meeting.

Attending: Gerald Weber, Monica Weber, Warren Fleetwood, Roger Johnson, Debbie Neufelder, Christie Menke, Fr. Christopher, Joe Hopf, Darwin Neufelder, Wanda Englert, Lisa May.

### **Commission Reports:**

Boosters: the new president is Jennifer Schnaus. They have purchased gator masks for each child and staff member. Additionally, the boosters purchased a new refrigerator for the teacher's lounge.

Finance: Darwin Neufelder provided a report on the finances.

Hospitality: Laurie Ziliak shared that the RCIA reception and mass for 2 candidates, their sponsors and families, occurred on Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. Father Christopher had mass and the reception was with sandwiches, chips, punch and cake.

Parish and Social Affairs: The chicken dinner in October will be offered as a curbside venue. Carry out dinners only.

Journey Men: they are looking to build their funds. They, too, are considering a carry out dinner fundraiser.

St. Maria Goretti: zoom meetings once a week during quarantine were used. They have used games, prayer/scripture, and discussions in their meetings. They met with Jr. High and High School age youth in July for outside activities. They will have a Kick-off with Jr. High this Saturday evening and Kick-off for High School on August 30<sup>th</sup>. Everything is planned for outside. Short range activities will be used as they plan within the Covid restraints. The Peer Leadership team meets tonight to brainstorm coming activities to be ready when all is clear and how to meet at this time.

### **Old Business:**

Update council/commission reorganization. We are currently reorganizing for the Parish Council. Council members will serve 2 year terms. We will be looking to revise the by-laws.

**New Business:**

Alumni weekend is suspended.

Reminder that names must be turned in by September 15<sup>th</sup> for Brute Award nominees. Email nominees to the Parish Office.

On-going Commission Reports: Father Christopher asked each commission to submit a short report in advance to him prior to reporting in Parish Council Meetings. Emails should be sent to Father Christopher.

The group discussed weekend masses and it was reported that attendance is picking up, near capacity.

Parish staff reorganization update: there was much discussion about the reorganization process and resulting financial obligations for each parish. Joe Hopf and Father Christopher indicated that Holy Cross will maintain its own Parish Council and Finance Commission. Stan May questioned the consolidation costs for Holy Cross. Joe Hopf told the Parish Council that he and Father Christopher are waiting to establish Holy Cross' contribution requirement. He suspects that it will be much less than originally projected. Holy Cross parishioners recommended that the new Chief Financial Officer for all three parishes be bonded due to the handling of significant financial holdings. No report was given on the status of bonding.

Father Christopher noted that he would like to share the document, The Pastoral Conversion of the parish community of the evangelizing mission of the church, for theological reflection.

A request was made for new playground equipment at the Holy Cross Crusader Academy Playground. Stan May made a motion to approve up to \$25,000. Wanda Englert seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

On a sad note, Stan May offered his resignation from the Parish Council. For those who do not know, he and Lisa are starting a new chapter in life. The Parish Council wishes them well and the best in enjoying life going forward. This dynamic duo has put in a lot of hours keeping our buildings in tip-top shape and taking pride in all they do. They will be greatly missed.