

St. Raymond of Penafort

Parish Council Meeting

06/18/2019

Held at St. Mary's Church, Altoona, WI

ATTENDEES

Tom Falbo, John Vetterkind, Pat Gentry, Marj Messerschmidt, Fr. Sakowski, Fr. Sedlacek, Julie Graaskamp(for presentation only)

AGENDA

Last Meeting Follow-up

1. Update on Summer church renovation-Julie Graaskamp

- a. The Library will serve as Sacristy during renovation. It will be locked to minimize traffic. Red hymnals will not be used during this time, so parishioners will move them out and move to storage. The piano will be moved after Mass as well. The back of the parish hall will have ushers handing out missalettes as needed. There will be 2 altars, the back and front, one coming from Regis and the other is at church, and they will be utilized as soon as the move is made. Chairs will come from St. Mary's. Pews will be moved out. The statue of Mary will remain and will be wrapped by Julie.
- b. A 50th wedding anniversary will be in the hall so things will be adjusted after the party to minimize the amount of moving.
- c. The electrician has been in and started in gathering space. Hopefully they can manage all lighting issues in 3-4 days allowing painters in sooner. The stations will be moved except the one above the altar as it was installed in 2 pieces.
- d. Per Father Derek, Julie, Bob and Bonnie have made everything move well. The Audio Architects have been in and there are concerns about the number of components to hook up in the community hall. The handheld microphone is working, but other microphones may be an issue. The frequency being used is also an issue as it is federally banned.

2. Update on debt payoff, Bishop visit, Parish celebration

- a. 9:30 mass with the Bishop Callaghan on August 25 with food catered by Tugger in Augusta. Summer fruit salad, beans, cole slaw and rolls with grilled chicken done on site. Cake will be ordered. Plan is for 350 people for the meal. Julie has a group to help with decorations.

- b. Invitations went out to priests involved as well as Deacon Larry Agema, and to others who have been very involved. Father Selacek asked about a program and Julie will get that together and Sydney will set up the music program. Picture albums and power point will be included. St. Raymond prayer bookmarks will also be available to put at each place setting.
- c. Tom asked about servers and will need 6 for sure.

3. Meeting Minutes: Minutes reviewed. No changes needed. Approved.

4. Pentecost Vigil : Bonfire had about 20 people present after mass. The mass attendance overall was small. Fr. Sedlacek feels it was good camaraderie and at least 1 family from St. Mary's attended.

New Business

1. 2019/2020 budget

a. Finance council Bob Dubiel, Wayne Kostka and Greg LeGare. Budget performance was used to set new proposed budget. The debt will retire, so we anticipate more income than predicted which will be able to go into the endowment, as some of the payment for the mortgage will likely still be contributed to church. There is the addition of Carla Kostka's new position as well. Parish Council is supportive of the new proposed budget as presented.

2. Future membership on Finance Committee and Building and Grounds Committee:

- a. Some members are expressing interest in retiring, so we must consider there may be a need in the near future for replacements for those roles. A lawyer will be a helpful member of this team as well as bookkeepers, or anyone in finance.
- b. Father was given suggestions for potential committee members.

3. Trustees for Endowment Fund

The endowment needs to get started as soon as possible to allow some parishioners to include the parish in their will. Father will need to work with LaCrosse Diocese to get things started. 4 people will be needed including the parish priest. The board would meet 1 time per year and would not have to include only Catholics, but others who have genuine interest in St. Raymond Church. Most of the parishioners will need some education on what the Endowment is, how it is used, and how money is applied to the Endowment versus immediate use funds.

Combined meeting

- 1. **Video on Evangelization:** Conversation with Fr. Derek about his thoughts and expectations on what our roles should be as we reach out to others in our parish and our communities.

2. **Rural Life Day 2020:** Fr. Sedlacek discussed the committee he is on at the Diocese. Currently, farm numbers are decreasing and they struggle to manage debt and loss after 6 years of problems. Fr. Will speak at Unity Days to bring awareness to the problem. Father asks that we consider how we can be of assistance to these neighbors. Rural Life Day involves mass with the Bishop on a farm. St. Raymond's is in charge with it held at the Kostka farm. All are welcome. September 18-20, 2020
3. **Submitting agenda items for future meetings:** The person requesting the item is being asked to accept ownership, research and whatever information is needed, submit to members for study before the meeting. If council member was approached by someone else about a topic, having that parishioner get involved in collection of information, willing to be identified as the topic owner is important.
4. **Leadership team report:** Nothing to report as next meeting is in July.

ACTION ITEMS

NONE

NEXT MEETING:

August 20, 2019 at St. Raymond's with St. Mary's council meeting at 6 PM followed by meal, combined meeting and St. Raymond's council meeting.