**St. Boniface & St. Lawrence**

**Parish Council Meeting**

**June 21, 2021**

**Present:**  Fr. Bill Corcoran, Tina Pulver, Ken Danielsen, Jack Peck, George Dincher,

 Jim Pegg, Jim Noviello, Chris Heim, Sue Lingg and new members, Brianne

 Carpenter, Sharon Thompson, Noah Bower and Sue Dinsmore

**Absent:**  Jen Matz, Joe Bering, Stephanie Rudalski

**Opening Prayer**: Tina Pulver

 **I. Agenda Items**

**A. Approval of Minutes**

1) Minutes were reviewed and approved without revision.

**B. Election of Officers**

 1) Tina Pulver reviewed the responsibilities of each office and requested

 volunteers to fill positions. The following volunteered and were

 approved by Council members:

 a) Chairperson – Brianne Carpenter

 b) Co-chair – Noah Bower

 c) Secretary – Sue Lingg

 2) New Council members will receive a binder prepared by the Diocese of

 Scranton containing information related to Parish Councils.

 3) Tina Pulver and Ken Danielson will provide support to new officers

 for the next few months.

 4) Father Bill thanked outgoing members (Tina, Ken and Jack Peck) for their

 service, especially positive efforts in combining two Councils into one.

 **Follow up: 1)** Ken will collect binders from outgoing and past

 members and distribute to new members.

 **2)** Tina will obtain a current list of all Parish committee chairs.

 **C. COVID Update**

1) Plan to resume full Music Ministry after July 4th

 2) Mass attendance continues to increase slightly but still at roughly

 30% of pre-COVID numbers.

 3) Activities are resuming and plans for events to encourage socialization

 are underway.

 **Follow up:** Council members are asked to consider ways of reaching out

 to parishioners to encourage return to Mass.

**D. Activities**

1) St Boniface – Pierogi Night, 6/14, was a great success. 67 volunteers

 made 2,200 pierogis in 1 ½ hours. Second night is scheduled for 6/28

 2) St Lawrence

 a) Rummage sale raised over $4,000.00. Many volunteers spent

 countless hours preparing, selling and cleaning up.

 b) Coffee and donuts to resume July 4th.

 c) Joint Parish Picnic August 8th, So Williamsport Park

 d) Outdoor Mass, 8AM, August 8th on Church grounds to celebrate

 feast of St. Lawrence.

 3) Bereavement Ministry

 a) Information sessions for volunteers June 22nd and 23rd at St

 Lawrence Parish Hall.

 b) Plan to implement services after Labor Day.

 4) Sojourner Truth Ministry

 a) Volunteers have resumed serving lunch on Fridays

 b) Meeting for volunteers scheduled July 6th, 10AM, RAC, to discuss

 scheduling and further activities with House of Hope.

 **Follow up:** Continue to encourage volunteerism by Bulletin announcements,

 and personal invitations to join an activity or ministry.

**E. Diocesan Vision 2021**

1) All parishes are asked to participate in strategic planning for the Diocese

 to address the issues related to the decline in the number of priests,

 population shifts, declining numbers of parishioners and financial

 difficulties facing some parishes.

 2) The goal of such planning is to maximize area resources and avoid

 duplication of programs/ministries whenever possible.

**F. Finances**

1) Both parishes will end this fiscal year about $40,000.00 in the black.

 2) All repairs have been paid for out of operating budget,

 3) The Elementary School physical plant is the responsibility of St.

 Boniface Parish. Utilities are covered by the Diocese. There is a need

 for window replacement and repair of the A/C system in the near future.

 4) Father Bill and the Finance Committee have completed budget preparation

 for the next fiscal year.

 **II. Old Business**

 **A. St Lawrence Parish Hall Rental**

1) Rental fees are not consistent for organizations.

 2) Need to review current guidelines and revise as necessary.

 **Follow up:** Father Bill will obtain copy of guidelines for review. Will discuss

 at next meeting.

 **III. New Business**

 **A. Recycling**

 1) St Boniface has started single-stream recycling with Hometown Disposal.

 A designated dumpster has been placed in the parking lot.

 2) St Lawrence is scheduled for the same service later this month and a

 dumpster will be placed behind the Parish Hall

 3) Recycle bins are in the Rectory and Sacristy at St. Boniface.

 4) Father Bill had asked the Activities Committee and any other group

 providing refreshments to discontinue use of styrofoam products

 and recycle whenever possible. A list of recycle items should be available

 at each bin.

 **Follow up:** Tina will obtain bins for Sacristy and St Lawrence Parish Hall.

 **Closing Praye**r – Tina Pulver

 **Next Meeting – August 16th, 6:30 PM, St. Lawrence Church Hall**