**Church of St Patrick**

**Parish Council**

**Meeting July 16, 2020**

Members present: Roseanne Strand, Susan Connolly, Tom Moses, Julie Schnell, Grace Hanson, Ed Connelly, Music & Liturgy Director - Tim Smith

**7:00 PM Call to order –** Roseanne Strand, Chair

**Prayer for St. Patrick’s –** Roseanne Strand

**Approved Minutes from meetings May 14th and May 27th, 2020**

**Pastoral Care Update-** Tom Moses reported there has been no communion for homebound parishioners and the communion visits to Sunrise (usually on Wednesday at 3PM) are on hold due to Covid-19. Father Kuss has offered to meet and distribute Eucharist to homebound, even meeting them in their garages; they just need to contact the office. Ten of the Pastoral Care volunteers are over 65 years of age; additional new members will be needed.

**Parish App-** Julie Schnell informed the Council of her conversation with Maggie Roth, Parish Office, concerning the new provider who will be handling the weekly bulletin. Services which will be available through this provider include the bulletin, web-site and church app. This company will setup and update; Parish employees will be responsible for all update information as well as any items which would be determined to appear. Parish Council members present agreed to move forward with this structure.

**Pandemic discussion & comments:** Attendance seems to be increasing weekly. Ushers will need to be ready to help with seating.

**Brush Clearing:** Ongoing and significant progress has been made clearing enough to see Rectory neighbors.

**Parish Staff:** Office is opening in stages but remains closed to visitors.

**Celtic Center High School Coffee House:** Need to start the conversation, in conjunction with DECA Inc., a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit career and technical student organization.

**Online Garage Sale:** A replacement for the Annual Garage Sale; items such as jewelry, furniture and art could be offered online. Does St. Pat’s have anyone who can organize this event?

**Beer Tent**: An event to bring parishioners together which can be held outside at the Rectory property. The Men’s Softball Team recently held a successful gathering in this manner.

**Business Administrator** **Position Update**: A new Business Administrator has been hired; paperwork is in process.

**Parish Screen Update**: Tim Smith presented information and while the discussion was held, it was determined to be continued at the next meeting due to low attendance at this meeting. Items discussed include:

* Must have 3 bids per Diocese (Best Buy and Sony are two)
* Each screen costs $30,000
* Lifetime wear on each screen is 50,000 hours
* A bid of $99,000, not the most expensive includes installation but not electrical component
* Tim provided a handout listing the components needed for St Pat’s Video walls (attached to these notes)
* System would have the availability to Live Stream
* Research needed to identify how to attach to brick wall
* Training someone on the use of technical equipment would be required
* Positive considerations include bringing St. Patrick’s up to present day electronic age
* It could provide more visibility for those at back of church
* Convincing parish – Women’s Council representative Grace Hanson mentioned that some of members of the guilds are against this change
* Other considerations mentioned: Expense and ongoing expense to keep it working; screens can be distracting; many like the present way of seeing a priest at the altar
* Possibility of offering (1) mass service without use of screens
* Goal of installation is March 17th, 2021
* Fundraiser August- January, 2021
* Need process to procure funds by February 17th, 2021

Adjournment: 8:10PM

Next Meeting: August 13, 2020

Respectfully submitted by Susan Connolly and Roseanne Strand