

Partner Parishes St. Stanislaus and Holy Trinity

Parish Council Minutes

February 3, 2021

Members Present:

Bill Daykon, David Lesnieski, Nancy Widomski, Jim Burke, Len Sebastian, Patty Stano, Mary Jo Sulecki (via phone), Helen Zimmermen, Michele Inter, Kathy Wisniewski, Fr. Jason Glover, Msgr. Dan McGraw

Excused: Marcia Nitczynski, Kathy Smith, Cassandra Lockett, Marc Moore

The meeting was called to order by Jim Burke at 6:35.

Fr. Jason opened the meeting explaining the purpose the meeting which is to begin the process of relinquishing St. Hedwig Church to profane use. The first step being the request of the Parish Council of partner parishes St. Stanislaus and Holy Trinity to the diocese to relegate St. Hedwig church to the profane. The discussion that followed involved the physical needs of St. Hedwig Church building which is need of extensive repairs such as replacing boiler and repairing/replacing roof. The discussion also included the need to preserve the history of St. Hedwig Parish. One way which is through its treasured artifacts by bringing them to St. Stanislaus Church, artifacts such as the icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa, and the mosaic of John Paul II.

Len Sebastian and Patty Stano moved that the Parish Council of St. Stanislaus and Holy Trinity request the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie review the liabilities and benefits of St. Hedwig Church building and property for the purpose of relegating it to profane use. The council voted unanimously to make the request of the diocese.

Fr. Jason discussed the necessary changes to the rites of Lent/Holy Week as outlined by the diocese. These changes include the following:

- Sprinkling ashes on top of head instead of making the sign of the cross on the forehead for Ash Wednesday.
- Distribution of palms will occur following mass once palms are blessed at mass
- No feet washing on Holy Thursday
- Information about the changes will be in the upcoming bulletins

Observation of Holy Thursday and Good Friday will take place at Holy Trinity; Holy Thursday will begin at 6:00 and Good Friday at 2:00. Easter Vigil will be celebrated at St. Stanislaus Parish beginning at 8:30 p.m.

Fr. Jason announced the amounts of CSA for parishes levied by the diocese;

Holy Trinity Parish; \$12,245.00

St. Stanislaus Parish; \$30,237.00

There are multiple small projects in both parishes that will benefit from the fund once the debt to the diocese is satisfied.

Both parishes applied for the PPP grant to help defray the parishes expenses. Holy Trinity qualified under the grant's guidelines having shown a loss of at least 25% of their income due to the pandemic. St. Stanislaus Parish cannot show that loss as a result the guidelines could not be met.

Discussion was opened about the lack of a pastor for the Tri-parish of Our Lady of Sorrow. It was announced that Bishop Persico does not have a priest who is available to pastor these parishes. He is looking to the eastside parishes to collaborate to offer support and services to these parishes. The council was tasked to think of possible ways in which we could offer help. Discussion to be carries over to net meeting.

Dave Lesnieski and Bill Dyakon moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:33.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Inter