

Mary of the Visitation  
Parish Council Meeting  
Tuesday, June 23 at 7:00 P.M.  
East Campus, Big Lake  
Agenda

A. Opening Prayer

- a. Led by Father Mike 19:06

B. Roll Call Noted by Secretary

- a. Father Mike, James, Greg, Clay, Erik, Brenda, Bonnie, Jeff, Melissa,

C. Addition/Adjustments and Approval of May Minutes

- a. None noted

D. Parishioner Concerns

- a. None at this time

E. COVID- Father Mike

1. Any changes

Friday update from Bishop Kettler, continue in our efforts, continue with the guidelines that have been laid out.

We will continue with what we are doing for the time being

F. Strategical Planning-Deacon Phil

a. FORMED

- i. We have an exciting opportunity as a parish to invest in a life changing program that can benefit our entire community! Our Parish Council has been exploring how we can help deepen our Catholic faith. One great option that offers flexibility, and portability is Formed.org. This site and app can help explain the Mass, confession and all the wonderful sacraments we have access to. It provides family friendly movies and shows that can help to engage and deepen our relationship with Christ and His church! During this time of the pandemic more and more people have been away or are still not yet able to return to the Sacraments, this can be a great tool to help our community immerse more deeply into our Catholic Faith. This can be accessed on most smart TV's, Roku, Apple TV, on Apple and Android phones / tablets as well as from your computer. The amazing flexibility allows you to take content with you where you are, and it will help you deepen your Catholic faith!
- ii. What price would you pay for a service that can offer so much content and versatility? The cost for this tool for the entire parish is \$1999 per year. No limit on parishioners, no funky sign in process, just an investment as a parish and we can start engaging and deepening our

relationship with Christ and His Church! You can contact Deacon Phil for more information on this service, remember to place Formed in the memo section in the Sunday collection to support this effort.

- iii. Deacon Phil to reach out to Patti
  - 1. Text to give as an option also one time payment is also

b. MyParish

- i. Not in motion at this time, we have not met again as a cohort Sherburne Area Catholic Community will pick this up again after our next meeting

c. Anything else in the Strategic Plans that were tabled

d.

G. September Fest Plans

1. Have an open Chair

- a. Jim and Mary Ellen Richter chairing this year again

2. Modify festival

- a. We will see what we can do, plan for what we can, and continue to plan on what we can do to come together

- i. Some suggestions

- ii. Options/Activities suggested (different from "normal" SeptemberFest):

- 1. Picnic
    - 2. Raffle
    - 3. Ask families to donate financially (\$100/family; \$50/per single person)
    - 4. Entertainment (music, a movie, free bingo)
    - 5. Food trucks
    - 6. 50/50 raffle (do we then need a license?)
    - 7. Refreshments (individual wrapped items: chips, pop, water, ice cream)
    - 8. Online auction

H. Campaign for security system-Deacon Phil

- a. Similar language to previous proposal, will add that we are aware that financial hardships but if people can give to this effort please support this initiative to help support our securing of our entrances and providing means to respond to an event if they should occur.

- b. Father Mike has mentioned in the past our efforts to increase the safety of our parishioners, as well as staff. The means to do this will have to come from individuals with this capital campaign for safety and security, please make that memo in the check or electronic payment.

I. Finances Update-Clay & Eric

- a. Father will review the current budget sheet, and come up with something to continue to move forward
  - b. In one month with adjustments we were able to save ~ \$1,300 in utilities, further discussion on the building front
  - c. Clay will put together a presentation for what the listening session will look like so that we can keep the response from the survey and momentum moving forward
  - d. Father Mike provided an update on the Diocese filing Chapter 11 Bankruptcy. The update from Father Mike is that each parish is requested to donate \$15,500 to help with the parish portion of the cost (\$2,000,000). This is due by the end of the year
    - i. This was noted by Bishop Kettler in his public statement on June 15<sup>th</sup>, in the noted portion, “contributions from parishes.”
- J. Plans for future meetings and/or picnic
- a. Elections didn't happen due to COVID-19 so we are continuing on through the next year
  - b. No picnic planned due to no new elections for 2020
- K. Future Agenda Items?
- a. Future plan- for building more to come in July
  - b. Review finances
  - c. Updates from Deacon Phil on strategic initiatives
  - d. Adoration will continue with the current hours until July 13<sup>th</sup> then the previous hours will continue
  - e. Chair updates from other committees
- L. Closing Prayer and blessing
- a. Deacon Phil led closing prayer and blessing 19:46

Next Meeting August 15<sup>th</sup> 2020 at the Becker Campus

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