

**Parish council meeting
via Zoom
May 27, 2020**

In attendance: Fr. Shayne Duvall, John Raque, Mark Clements, John King, Morgan Kelty, Sean Baldwin, Art Potter, Karen Frey, Mike Andriole, Abbie Creed, Jill Tabor, Susan Bientz, Steve Sternberg, Ellen Hauber, Sharon Roberts, Ryan Taliaferro, Debbie Selby, and Sharon Roberts.

Father Shayne opened with a prayer.

John Raque - Minutes reviewed and approved.

School Update:

Principal Jill Tabor: We had a nice closing to the school year. There are specific times for families to return to school to pick up their personal things. We held a virtual graduation for 8th grade and had a clap out in the parking lot with everyone in cars.

Good news: Right now, there are 354 students currently enrolled for 20-21. This is a 30% increase from 2017, which was 268. Ms. Tabor is still giving tours. Tomorrow is a meeting with the Archdiocese superintendent and other principals where she should learn about opening schools. She will find out and communicate with us. At this time, it is not known when we are starting or if or how it will look. We are hoping school will resume on Aug. 12. If so, there will be modifications to the school to help with social distancing, etc.

Today: We applied for a grant to hire a resource teacher to help meet needs of current and new students. Our school needs extra support for those students with learning differences. We did get the grant to support the salary. This is a 3-year commitment. The new teacher is Kim Brumfield who worked at St. Leonard and knows those kids.

Some classrooms have been completed: the other 2nd grade room and Ms. Leahy's room. They are now starting on Ms. Nolan's classroom. Ms. Shraeder will move upstairs to a new room called the Learning Center. They are still getting quotes for new bathrooms on middle school floor of the building.

She does not have any new info about Blue Ribbon. The results should come in the later part of summer.

With all the uncertainty, good things are still happening in the school.

John Raque: Congratulations to Jill Tabor on the conclusion of the school year and her leadership during the pandemic. She is to be commended. John King and others agree.

Business Update:

Debbie Selby: We are in a strong financial position. She has been working on budgets. St. Raphael received a \$396,000 PPE loan to cover 4 payrolls. She will need to work on paper work to get loan forgiveness, which would then would become a grant. Also received a Cares Act grant based on the pre-school students. \$250 per student to be used for payroll and

expenses. They are also applying for \$3000 for items mandated to be able to open back up: cleaning supplies/services.

The PTO funds went down. The Taste profits transferred to the school. The remaining funds went to classroom renovations. Men's Club funds went to school: 80% went to classroom renovations.

Everyone is still working hard in parish office. They are trying to get tuition agreements in, working hard on Capital Campaign contributions. Sunday collections have been good. More contributions are from online giving as opposed to dropping them off. St. Raphael should end up in the positive way for the end of the fiscal year.

Pastor's Update:

Fr. Shayne Duvall:

Church procedure since reopening the building for Mass: He is pleased with how daily mass has gone. 40 - 50 people for daily Mass. People are slowly coming back to Mass. This weekend will be first Sunday back. Hopes people come back. Still recording but not live streaming. Live streaming took up a lot of space in the front now that people are coming back. Recording will still be available. May need to cancel one Sunday Mass for sanitary and ministry reasons if the numbers back are extremely low. That decision will not be made for a few weeks.

The floors will be done in the back of the church this weekend. Front part will not take that long. Chairs will still be set up. Pews will be done in 4 - 5 weeks. People have given positive remarks.

Next step: Get a quote to refurbish main hallway and terrazzo flooring in the bathroom. Renovations going well.

Of note: St. Raphael was called by the health department that children were allowed on the property. We did all to keep kids off the playground equipment.

Regarding cleaning the church: Testing a fogger in the church to help clean the pews. Should be safe and efficient.

Fr. Shayne echoes the good things reported by Jill and Debbie.

Question: Are you planning on having people stay after to clean? Testing fogger this week. Fogger should be very safe but will be prepared to wipe down by hand.

Buildings and Grounds:

John King: Things going well. Next week working on the floors in the front of the church. Rosa Mosaic is company redoing the floors. If the floor in the bathrooms can't be redone properly may look at tiling the floor in the bathrooms in the school.

Question: How are the pews being worked on? Being chemically dipped and then sanded. Very good craftsmanship. The pews were disassembled in the church. Same pew back to exact same place.

Picnic Update:

John Raque:The June picnic cancelled but they are moving forward with a September 12 date for a Septemberfest. A one- day event. They will work together with Men's Club. It is still uncertain if large crowds will be allowed by state or Archdiocese at that time. Information will be given via constant contact.

Four council members rolling off: Susan Bientz, Abbie Creed, Mark Clements, and Steve Sternberg. Thank you for your work on the council.

Summer Meetings: Do not meet in June or July. This could change but next meeting should be in August.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary