

Blessed Sacrament Parish Council
8/18/21 Meeting Minutes

Council Matters

1. Revise Bylaws for meeting dates. Approve Bylaws
 - It was unanimously decided to have a 6th meeting date the 3rd week of December. This date may be adjusted as deemed necessary by the council during the October meeting.
2. Elect Parish Council Moderator and Secretary
 - Troy Euse was elected as Moderator and Janice Malone was elected as secretary.
3. Schedule Parish Council Nominations and Elections
 - An electronic survey for nominations will be emailed to parishioners Oct. 1, 2021. The goal is to have the two newly elected parishioners attend the October meeting.
4. Volunteers to run Online Nominations and Elections Procedures
 - Jennifer Tran volunteered to organize the online survey. An email will go out to parishioners and an announcement of the upcoming election will be made at mass. Details of the process will be included in the email.

Financial/Construction

1. Community of Hope Sequence of Projects
 - It was decided the first priority is to pay off mortgages of the surrounding properties owned by the church and to start the process for planning the replacement of the church roof for May 2021. This may need to be adjusted as needed due to access to building materials, current available funds, etc.
2. Budget Review
 - 2021-2022 budget was reviewed
3. Special Projects through EANS and Dillon Foundation
 - EANS (emergency assistance to non-public schools) provides government funds related to the impact of Covid-19. EANS funds received have been allocated to purchase new tables for the school cafeteria, ipad carts, equipment for an outdoor learning space, repair of our church pews and improvement to the wifi connection of the school.
 - EANS II application funding is still being processed and would provide generous funds to our school if BSS qualifies as a recipient.
 - Dillon Foundation provided funds allocated toward textbooks, equipment to create a science lab, robotics club, improved security for our school, glass marker boards and state of the art smart boards.
 - The need for a grant writer was mentioned. All of this funding improves our school without raising any costs to our parish or the diocese!

Liturgy

1. Saturday Evening Confessions
 - Poor attendance at Saturday evening confession has sparked a conversation to adjust the confession schedule. Please bring ideas forward to be discussed at the next council meeting.
2. COVID in the Future: Pastor's Emails, Facebook Video
 - If COVID conditions worsen and public gathering restrictions are initiated, a volunteer will be needed to help with the facebook live streaming of mass.
3. Communion Rail
 - There have been requests for a communion rail by some parishioners. Please bring ideas forward for the next meeting to discuss options.
4. Christmas Books
 - Blessed Sacrament will continue to hand out books at Christmas.

Other

1. Sunset Clause
 - A discussion took place regarding the length of time memorials should remain intact. Please bring ideas/supporting documents forward for the next council meeting.