

Parish council meeting 3/18

In attendance: Renee Stong, Mark Petersen, Eliner Shields, Judy Cox, Peggy Whiteplume, Kathi McKee, John Schumacher, Father James Schumacher, Sarah Susanka

Meeting began with a prayer.

Minutes from February meeting approved.

The Bishop is allowing an easing of the space restrictions as long as masks are worn.

No change in the Holy Week schedule. The Parish will provide some readers and servers for the Easter Vigil. Holy water may be put out, perhaps in hand sanitizer dispensers like the College offers.

Youth ministry - ads for a youth minister have been in the bulletin. Members of the Youth Committee met with Joe Wotawa about World Youth Day. Fundraising for youth ministry has also begun again. There will be a yard sale in June where community members can purchase tables and sell goods and crafts. No contact candy sales raised \$250 and are very easy. Brianna Bell is outdoor activity liaison and is planning a ski trip. Enough kids showed up to help with the Good Samaritan dinner. Two kids received the safe environment training. A murder game is planned for April, and confirmation students will be invited.

Confirmation retreat is scheduled.

There will be no Totus Tuus this summer.

The Diocese has approved youth day trips.

St. Joseph: John and Sarah are planning to collect monthly bulletin inserts. Father is hoping to use the statue blessing to introduce the new statues. The older statues will be relocated to the education building.

Donations have been received to develop the rosary walk and refurbish the grotto. The Council would like a representative to come talk about the project.

There are no new lights for the sign yet.

Some parishioners received training in the new sound system. It is fairly easy to use. John will print signs to remind servers to turn system on. The sound on the livestream is much better.

Security - The finance committee thought the initial bid was too high. Father is putting together a new committee to solicit a scaled down bid.

Father is scheduled to receive the first shot for a COVID vaccine.

Father declined the Bishop's offer of relief from the annual appeal.

Hudson parishioners want to appeal Bishop's decision to close Ascension. The Diocese is hoping to have parishes staffed by one priest to be limited to mission. Father should know his new assignment soon. There was an appeal for priests to be left in place following the pandemic, but there are vacancies coming up in Cody and Wheatland.

Next meeting is 4/15.

Meeting ended with prayers for discouraged Catholics.