

St. Mary's Parish Council Meeting

Monday, May 4, 2020

6:30 via Zoom

Minutes

Attendees

Staff: Fr. Kevin Earleywine, Mary Quinlin

Members: Cecilia Penning, Lorelei Lake

Information from the finance meeting was reviewed:

First Draft of the 2020-2021 budget was reviewed and discussed. Parish council needs to approve this draft, it will be sent in an email and approval will need to be given electronically in order to have a majority of members voting.

Members will be asked to approve the first draft budget along with possible wage increase for staff members renewing contracts. The finance committee will determine if this is fiscally possible and make the adjustment.

Responses via email on May 6, 2020 included a majority vote to approve the First Draft Budget from the Finance Council.

Discussion about planning a Farewell Event for Sister Connie during the pandemic.

A date will be determined in June to have a socially distanced event which may include a parade with decorated cars. Parish members from Iowa Falls and Eldora will be invited (date/time TBD) and the social distance recommendations from the state will be followed. A basket will be provided to leave well wishes, family photos, etc. Depending on what is happening with Mass at that time it may be scheduled for a Sunday.

When COVID19 is no longer impacting social events, Father Kevin and Parish Council expressed interest in having a face-to-face gathering to properly say good-bye and wish Sister Connie well in her next adventure. She may need to come back for this event!

Parish Council will work remotely to get the information and details of these events out as they are planned is this time when changes are happening with the first event happening in mid-June.

New Position Update:

Father Kevin Shared: Interviews for the Pastoral Associate/Director of Faith Formation position will take place tomorrow, May 6. They will be interviewing two candidates and hope to have a decision made by the end of the week.