

**St. Martin's Parish Council Meeting**  
**June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – 7 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Paul Samson.

Fr. Doke opened the meeting with a prayer

Paul welcomed the newly elected council members, Kathy Jarman, Larry Lehmen, and Mariam Kuensting

Commission Reports:

Finance: Still working on the 21-22 budget.

To date we are \$17,000 over budget in offertory giving. 395 envelopes were used in the last month.

We received \$267,000 from the Payroll Protection Plan. This is a forgiven loan and does not have to be repaid. \$45,000 was received as a gift last year.

The school applied for a grant for \$450,000 from DESE from the Emergency Assistance for NonPublic Schools fund. We received \$417,000, which will be used for technology, cleaning supplies, an outdoor classroom, a booster for the dishwasher, and other needs of the schools. It also enables us to pay our teachers for additional training over the summer.

With the installation of the fiber optic internet service, we were able to switch the phone system to an Internet based system cutting our phone bill by half.

Cable was disconnected from the rectory and a streaming service is now used for television viewing saving approximately \$100/mo.

Social Concerns: Working on hospitality especially with new parish members. This is going well.

Worship and Spiritual Life: No meeting this month. The next meeting is scheduled for September.

School Advisory—no report

Principal—No report

Home and School: Lee Holt is the new President. Currently looking for a Vice President

Pastor's Report

Picnic plans are in full swing.

The 3-year pastoral plan is slated to begin soon. St Martin Parish is slated to be a part of the second cohort of Stewardship parishes. Instead of a Diocesan Fund appeal, that amount will be tithed to the parish and then it will be forwarded to the Diocese. Fr. Jones will be here in August to talk about how to be a Stewardship parish. We are to begin being a Stewardship parish in July. We will be working to make each individual an intentional disciple of the faith based on the four pillars of Prayer, Service, Catechesis, and Hospitality. We will need to formulate new Time and Talent Sheets based on those pillars.

There is concern that the Helias students are not being seen at the weekend masses.

There is continued discussion about a long range plan for the parish and what that would look like along with who would be on that committee.

President's report—deferred as Julie was excused.

New Business:

Fall Supper—It was felt that since the fall Drive by Chicken Fry held in 2020 was done primarily as a fund raiser that we would see how well the picnic did financially and then make a decision whether we would do it again or not.

Next meeting will be held on August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7 pm.

The meeting was closed with a prayer at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mariam Kuensting, acting secretary

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor

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