

## Parish Council Meeting

August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

Attendees: Doug Faison, Julie, Tyler Helms, Greg Costello, Michael Strickland, Bill, Patricia Gillespie, Dan Jones, Monsignor, Cliff Thompson, Emma Linn, Todd, Dennis Bewie, Pasquale Errichiello.

Started at 7:10 with prayer

Unanimously approved minutes

We introduced Tyler Helms who recently joined the Parish Council. Tyler has been actively involved with the Parish and helping Monsignor with various video recordings for the church. Tyler has been with the Pius community for a long time and attended St. Pius X School.

Bill gave us a census update – 30% response. We have continued to update email address and phone numbers. Bill also talked about Cove Crest – camp for kids, great turn out, Bill raved about it. Pictures were put in the bulletin.

We welcomed back Greg Costello as President of School Board that will sit in on meetings as a way to connect school and Parish. Greg gave update on School Board. Enrollment is up to 430 students. Student-teacher ratio a little higher but because of high enrollment. This is great news because initially we worried because of COVID. Charter schools continue to be a pull away from kids. Masks are being enforced while some other Catholic schools are not. Masks for church is still optional, but try to encourage Parishoners to wear it. Hospitals are being spread thin.

Monsignor spoke on COVID as a whole and the severity of it as of late. Mask is a big deal right now. Monsignor also spoke to the need to figure out better way to get information. It has been costly for us to send out to all households if not everybody is active. Placing importance on ways to cut cost.

Our current debt is 630k which is down drastically. Mass attendance is continuing to go up. We have been having success in filling various job roles and are trying to reopen nursery. Acoustical tiles in baptistry is a future project.

Monsignor closed with prayer at 8:30pm.