

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Msgr. Jerome MacEachin East Lansing Council 7816

Minutes for August 11, 2020 General Meeting

7:30

Meeting was opened by saying the Lord's Prayer.

Father McGivney

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Grand Knight Paul Lacroix called the meeting to order at 7:33. There were 11 members present online when the meeting was called to order.

Minutes from previous meeting were approved.

No update by Dave Myers on new members.

Grand Knight discussed following:

New member transferring from Farmington (Dave Reichard) just moved to Haslet.

Did newsletter for previous council and would be able to edit newsletters if someone wants to do start one.

Son of Dennis Louney is interested in joining. Dave Myers and Grand Knight to follow up on that.

Parish Update:

Grand Knight gave update on school opening one week from today. School will be doing in person instruction and will switch to online if needed. Lot of preparation work done by Principal and teachers.

Parish announced in an email a more normalized mass schedule.

Friday night there will be an outdoor mass for the Vigil Feast of the Assumption. Wrapping up outdoor concert series as well.

Grand Knight asked all present to brainstorm ideas for recruiting new members.

Grand Knight mentioned that we could have a corporate communion and an exemplification for first, second, and third degree can be done after that.

Some of the brainstorming ideas are:

Updating our Facebook page. John Schwend volunteered to help with updating.

Putting information on Church's Facebook

Sending out a questionnaire/survey

Using email

Articles in bulletin about the Knights, such as, our donations to charities/charity of the week.
Mark Meyers is working on an article.

Short presentation at Masses or by priest at end of mass. Need to make a write up for them.

Priest acknowledge Knights and ask Knights to stand at masses.

Grand Knight fireside chat with Father Gordon after school gets started.

Spotlight interview knights.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Art Weber.

No update for Financial Secretary's Report:

No Trustee's Update on Report.

OLD BUSINESS:

2021 Budget was presented.

A lot of items are a wash.

Income expected to be down in all areas due to Corona.

Expense expected to be greater than income with an anticipated deficit of \$9,500.

Payments of dues is an issue.

Approved as written.

Talked about Brothers in need funds.

Fluid budget.

New Business

May 2021 will be Councils 40th anniversary.

Mark Meyer, Paul Gadola and Grand Knight are working on what to do to celebrate.

Pull out old newsletters from archives.

Party or dinner talked about.

Who can head up the effort?

Charter members to be celebrated.

Past Grand Knights committee to help plan celebration discussed.

Profile history of charitable donations. Estimated to be over a million dollars.

Maybe celebrate all in conjunction with parish picnic to celebrate and use as a recruiting tool etc. Ask for donations for charities. Invite members from charities to talk about what they do.

Also emphasize what we do for parish.

Gary Tucker, Paul Gadola, and Mike Gardner proposed as committee. John Schend to help and all others as well.

Good of Order

To be updated

Discussion about grounds at rectory was discussed.

No irrigation system and plans are being made to have a planting party in fall.

Lawn care budget was reduced.

Landscape plan being made.

14-15 acres to be mowed takes half day to do.

Maybe put a well in for irrigation.

Closed with a Hail Mary