

Minutes from the August 11 Parish Council Meeting (composed by Dennis Comella)

Present: Deacon Stephen Bowling, Ken Cusick, Tammy Shoemaker, Rita Dobson, Dennis Comella, Bob Gray, Sheila Geiger, Leisl Minneci, Dennis Comella

Absent: Father Jason, Deacon Tim Stout, Heather Skinner, Peggy Boone

Opening Prayer: Deacon Stephen Bowling

Approval of May Minutes: Ken Cusick and Bob Gray

Discussion of Situation with Father Jason:

Deacon Stephen gave the council a summary regarding the medical leave of Father Jason, provided a description of the role the Archdiocese is playing to help the parish, detailed what the parish staff is doing to maintain the daily operations of the parish, answered questions posed by members of the council, and provided a simple statement to give to anyone who asks a parish council member about the situation.

Deacon Stephen read at all Masses a letter from Father Jason that was approved by the Archbishop. Due to the recency of things as well as privacy, there were few additional details to provide. The Archbishop assured Deacon Stephen that our liturgical and sacramental needs will be taken care of in the short term and that they are not ready at this time to give us any long term help (such as an administrator pro temp) until they get more clarity on Father Jason's health, which is the first priority. Father Dustin Hungerford filled in this past weekend. Father Jim and Deacon Stephen are handling funerals and communion services. Confessions and Daily Mass are on hold temporarily. Father Dale and Father Harris are already scheduled for their normal liturgies for the rest of the month.

The day to day running of the parish will be done by Deacon Stephen, Amanda Wolz, Kathy Abell, and Lara Krill. Projects like the play park are going to be completed as they were in the works prior to Father's leave. The rectory and MPB renovation are down the road and will be dealt with later.

The Archdiocese is meeting later this week to follow up with Deacon Stephen about any short and long term needs and updates. Anything official from them will be read at Mass and posted for the parish to be made aware of when it has been determined.

If asked, here is what the message to concerned parishioners should be:

1. Pray for Father Jason who is still our pastor.
2. Parish staff is empowered to continue daily parish business and operations.
3. The Archdiocese will help us with any sacramental and liturgical needs we may have.

Closing prayer/blessing: Deacon Stephen