

**Queen of Saints
Cluster Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 20, 2021**

Dave McGovern gave an opening prayer.

The Queen of Saints Cluster Council met Thursday, May 20th, 2021 at St Paul in Newhall. In attendance were: Father Steimel, Deacon Robb, Haley Schulte, Dave Frazier, Mary Breja, Joyce Kitson, Loras Overmann, Lisa Miller, Mary Horst, Bryce Brecht, Ann Frese, Cathy Maile, Jean Ohlen and Dave McGovern.

Minutes were approved from the February 18th, 2021 meeting.

Old Business/Updates:

Mass Attendance has been up with the lifted restrictions.

Senior masses and first communion went well. There were 10 participants for graduation across the parish. There were 9 first communicants who participated in the separate mass with their families.

The bells are in the tower at St Michael in Norway, the steeple will be coming in the 4-5 weeks, hopefully before the end of June. Cemetery repairs are still coming along. The parking lot at St Paul in Newhall is slowly getting work done, contracts have been signed.

In regard to finances, Father noted that less people equal less donations, but he felt confident that as more people showed up, more donations would be coming in. The parishioners who have been donating throughout the pandemic, did receive a thank you note in the mail from Father.

The Pen Pal Program was nice good start, but it sort of fizzled out and we hope there will be room for growth with this program.

New Business:

COVID changes will be stated in the upcoming bulletins. We will be getting rid of mask requirements and leave it up to personal choice and we will be taking down the take and no longer social distancing. Obligation has been reinstated as of the 5th/6th of June. Music will be picking back up and hymnals will be back in pews. Holy water will be back in the near future. Scheduling servers will be for another day. The sign of the peace will be coming, but quite there yet. We can do coffee and rolls outside (Immaculate Conception did and it was nice!). Eucharist for homebound can start again, but nursing homes aren't letting us in quite yet.

Noted by Father: deposite all of the COVID stuff, we really did have a good year of events.

Election of New Officers:

Chair: Dave McGovern, Jean Ohlen, and Joyce Kitson were volunteered, Joyce was elected

Vice Chair: Dave Frazier

Secretary: Haley Schulte

The next meeting was set for Thursday, August 12th, at 6:30pm in Norway. Dave McGovern did the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Haley Schulte, Secretary.