

**Parish Council of St. Olav Catholic Cathedral Parish, Trondheim**  
**Minutes of the Council Meeting 16 September 2020**

Present:

F. Egil Mogstad  
F. Slawomir Czuba  
F. Marcos Pablo Banzon Delos Trino  
F. Waldemar Jachymczak  
Isabel Bjørnås  
Thor-Erik Forsmark  
Seraphina Habarurema  
Daniel Szklennik  
Beata Turek  
Knut Einar Larsen

Also present was Trym Hellevig, seminarist and trainee.

Per Albert Vold was present during the discussions of item 14/20.

Absence:

Marc Dhainaut

**Item 13/20: Information from the Parish Priest.**

Lately, there have been several problems related to the technical installations in the church (water, ventilation, etc). Repair work has been carried out. In addition, also the electrical systems (lighting and fire alarm) have partially been out of order. Repair work will be carried out after the bishop's consecration in October. Thirdly, the church also has problems concerning the automatic entrance doors. To sum up, the building is technically complex and complicated and requires constant maintenance. Thus, it may be beneficial with more extended and permanent caretaker-services. To realize this, a close cooperation with the Diocese is required.

The company Polygon is currently removing building material containing asbestos from the old parish hall. A container has been placed outside the church.

At the moment the entrance to the area in front of the church is difficult due to a temporary fence because of the above-mentioned work.

The cantor Mr. Ulf Schancke is at the moment ill. We are grateful that the organ builder, Mr. Espen Selbæk, is willing to help us out while Mr. Schancke is on leave.

Ms. Seraphina H. mentioned that the congregation would benefit from having a larger church choir, maybe even a youth choir. However, as a choir conductor would be necessary

to realize this. The discussion must be postponed until after the bishop's consecration and that the cantor Mr. Schancke is back.

## **Item 14/20: Consecration of the new Bishop 2020.**

Mr. Per Albert Vold from the Trondheim Diocese informed about the plans for the Bishop Consecration on October 3rd and the mass and other events on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>.

All major events in connection with the Bishop's consecration will be recorded by a professional media company. The events will be published in various social media in addition to commercial news media in the region. Mr. Vold presented the detailed plans for the recording, containing the major events as well as interviews with various persons and groups. There will be live streaming of all major events both days.

The Diocese proposes that each of the congregations within the diocese meet and watch the events together on large screen projection, in order to make the consecration a festive event for everybody. The intention of the Diocese is to create a framework that allows all congregations a feeling of taking place in the events.

Only 200 persons can be present in the Nidaros Cathedral on October 3rd due to corona virus restrictions. This number is in addition to those taking part in the ceremony (priests, choir, etc). At the moment, half of the seats are taken by persons already invited. The remaining seats may thus be given proportionally to the congregations of the Diocese.

To the High Mass on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October about 120 persons may be allowed in the St. Olav church (also due to corona virus restrictions). All seats must be clearly marked in order to keep social distancing.

The company Securitas will take care of admittance control to all events and make sure that corona virus rules are kept.

The use of the parish hall was discussed. The consecration mass in the Nidaros Cathedral and the new Bishop's mass on Sunday may be shown on large screen in the Parish hall.

«Church coffee» after the Sunday mass may be organized at the Royal Garden Hotel. Again, due to corona virus restrictions, not more than 80 persons may participate. Alternate locations were discussed. Mr. Thor-Erik F. will check if the hall of the Free Masons Lodge could be possible.

How should the congregation's participants be selected? The Parish priest proposed that the various groups within the congregation should be represented. In addition, he also wanted to invite a limited group of persons who are always present during all masses, on Holidays as well as weekdays.

St. Eystein Bookstore will be open from Friday to Sunday. The Bookstore will also have the function as an information centre for visitors.

## **Item 15/20: Use of the parish hall and the meeting rooms**

The catechetical instruction takes place in the parish hall ("Atriet") and not in the meeting rooms. Several groups within the congregation have approached the parish priest to encourage him to open up for extended organizational activities.

Mr. Thor-Erik F. informed the parish council on the coronavirus infection prevention measures at St. Olav Hospital and the authorities' guidelines (FHI). Two issues are central to infection prevention: social distancing (1 meter between persons) and infection tracing. The public guidelines are continuously being revised.

It is sufficient to clean all surfaces with a dry microfiber cloth after organized events. All surfaces should be cleaned after each activity. The use of alcoholized liquid from dispensers is central to hand hygiene.

Food and beverages are not served during the catechetical instruction for children. The Parish Priest has permitted a group of students to use the meeting room as well as the kitchen for cooking. This seems unproblematic if corona virus infection measures are handled properly: social distancing (1 meter) and the possibility for infection tracing.

«Church Coffee» ("Kirkekaffe") may be organized if all payment is electronic (cards or "VIPPS"). Buffet style service cannot be permitted so individual service is required. Ms. Marie-Hélène Sæter, the coordinator of the kitchen activities, is willing to take care of the kitchen service and service during the first Sundays of Kirkekaffe. However, the efforts of Parish Council members are required to see to it that the rules for social distancing are being considered by the visitors. The question of infection tracing is taken care of in the sense that all participants at the Kirkekaffe already are registered for the Mass. However, if the authorities' rules should change, it may not be possible to have the Kirkekaffe. Mr. Thor-Erik F. will keep the Parish Priest updated on the public rules. The first possibility for Kirkekaffe will be October 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Any Other Business.**

The Parish Priest will edit the minutes of the parish Council meetings prior to their publication.

The Norwegian version of the Parish Council minutes is now available at the Parish web site.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 4 November at 19:00 hrs.**

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