

REPORT – PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, July 14, 2020 – 7:20 PM

In Attendance: Jason Methfessel, Dan Wierzbowski, Rita Wolfenstein – Members; Chery Lutz – Chair; Kevin Kelly – Seminarian; Father Justin Nguyen – Pastor

Opening Prayer – The Council opened the meeting by reading the **Pastoral Council** prayer together.

Minutes adopted from **June 9th** meeting as written.

Pastor's Report:

- Stained Glass Windows
 - Production of the windows has begun by the designer and is on going
- Chapel Wi-Fi
 - The iPad seems to be functioning well
 - IT updates continue
- Godly Play
 - On hold for now
 - Training may be available for those interested in facilitating Godly Play once it can re-commence
- Job Posting for Faith Formation Director
 - JD includes preschool activities (Godly Play)
 - Salary to be covered by an anonymous donor for the first year
 - Post on Diocese and Parish website through July with possible extension
- Financials
 - Outlook – good
 - Weekly AVG has been consistent
 - Spending has gone down
 - Operating Acct – \$352,000
 - MM (PPP) – \$163,195
- Receptionist Position
 - To be covered by increasing the hours of part-time staff as well as obliging individuals in their request to volunteer time to the vacant position.
- Mass Attendance
 - 710 (June 7)
 - 751 (June 14)
 - 572 (June 21)
 - 493 (June 28)
 - 565 (July 5)
- RCIA
 - Starting next year there will be a consistent Core Team present each week (Julie Poirier to Coordinate)
 - This should allow for better continuity throughout the journey into faith.
- Adult Faith Formation – Barbara Miller, Coordinator
 - F3 – Martha Mary – Book Study – etc.
 - What are their needs/What do they wish to learn?
 - Better scheduling to allow for individuals to participate in multiple forms of faith formation
 - Fulfill the request for some form of Adult Faith Formation to be offered for couples to attend together.
- Liturgical Ministries
 - Scheduling to resume at the beginning of August
 - Sacristans are needed 5pm Saturday and Sunday
- Liturgy of the Hours
 - After seminarians' return to classes, Father will attempt to continue to live stream The Liturgy of the Hours.
- Faith Formation
 - No further objections were made to the changes that have been implemented
 - The conversation of returning to the classroom for Faith Formation has been started – at this time it is felt that it would not be in the best interest of child safety and health to return to the classroom in Fall; therefore classes will be held virtually
 - Confirmation

- Age shifted to explicitly call for High School age participants
 - This is done for consistent participation in events
 - Classes held in person as High Schoolers can better grasp the concept of social distancing
 - First Communion
 - Home schooling available and encouraged
 - Followed by a possible written exam to confirm a basic understanding of The Faith and The Sacrament of First Eucharist.
 - High School
 - Return to in-person classes with a limit on snack/drinks and a heavier focus on academia
 - Communication to the Catechists
 - An email has gone out requesting their return to teaching.

Council Members Report:

- Ministry Patron Saint Masses (resumption)
 - Ministries are being encouraged to select one mass per weekend to promote/recruit for their respective ministry.
- Additional Town Hall feedback was discussed.
 - Overwhelming positive feedback was received by Father and The Council.

Old Business:

- Holy Communion by tongue
 - People can wait till after Mass to receive on the hand if they are uncomfortable receiving after other parishioners has received on the tongue.
 - We will continue to echo what the Bishop has declared from his office.

New Business

- Replacement for Susan's vacancy – Appointment process/Bulletin Announcement
 - Father is still discerning
- Global Catholic Climate Movement (New Informational Ministry)
 - Important issue
 - Is there a direct need within our parish community right now?
 - Representative to be present at the September meeting.
- Fall Faith Formation – Classroom vs. Home Schooled
 - (see above)
- Parish "Sanitizing/Cleaning Committee"
 - The operational logistics of fulfilling The Diocese's request were discussed at length
 - No decisions for a change to the current operational procedures were made at this time, however, the conversation will continue.

Announcements

- The next PC Meeting will be held on **September 8th at 7:00 PM (tentative)** in the Church

Closing Prayer - led by Rita Wolfenstein followed by a blessing from Fr. Justin.

Meeting Concluded at 9:15 PM

Respectfully submitted – Jason Methfessel