

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2020

Members Present: Leslie Kueffler, Mike Kerschen, Tim Kitt, Bob Pedersen, Jean Smith, Steve Woodard, Deacon Joe Schroeder, Deacon Pat Bradley, Fr Tom Connolly

Guest: Jim Mullen

The meeting was a joint Pastoral Council meeting with the Pastoral Council of St Mary Presentation Parish in Deer Park. St Mary's members in attendance were: Deacon Perry Pearman, Merry Estes, Carol Williams, and Bill Cushman

A discussion was centered around the "pulse" of each parish. It was observed as positive, with only a few concerns centering around the Mass schedules and how it might affect parishioners with winter weather. It was agreed that the current schedule was well thought out and would not be changed at this time. Fr Tom, Deacon Perry, and Deacon Joe all agreed that the schedule gave them the necessary time to travel and prepare for Mass between the two parishes.

Each Council was presented with their 2020 End-of-Year Financial Statement (unique to their own parish). After discussion, Mike Kerschen made a motion to accept St Joseph's 2020 End-of-Year Financial Statement as presented. Steve Woodard seconded the motion. The motion passed. (Note: The Pastoral Council from St Mary Presentation Parish discussed and voted on their End-of-Year Financial Statement.)

Concerns about the Christmas Mass schedule were discussed. The issue center around the limited attendance allowed with the COVID-19 restrictions and the history of higher attendance at Christmas Masses. It was decided that the best way to manage the concern was to have usher assistance to fill the church appropriately and then to provide "overflow" seating once the main church is full.

Each parish is starting work on long-range parish plans.

Fr Tom shared the new prayer from Bishop Daly that will follow the Prayers of the Faithful during Mass. We will continue to use this prayer until the end of the COVID-19 crisis.

The joint meeting ended with a prayer by Fr Tom.

St Joseph Pastoral Council meeting continued.

Jean Smith reported the raspberry patch on the east border has been removed and the area cleaned.

Tin Kitt and Jim Mullen presented a history of the Knights of Columbus pavilion. The Knights will continue to clean the area and repair the pavilion. Future use of the pavilion will be discussed in the spring. The discussion moved to the need for enclosed storage for parish maintenance equipment. Steve Woodard made a motion to send a request to the Finance Council to request funds (estimated to be \$3,500) to purchase a metal 8' x 20' storage container. Mike Kerschen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Boy Scout group meeting at the church have met the requirements of the current Facilities Use Agreement and will continue to meet at the church.

The next meeting will be on November 3, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Pedersen