

Saints Mary and Joseph Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Present:

Fr. Vincent Onunkwo, Lorraine Thompson, Kristen Klecan, Carol Miller, Bettie Reddy, Jay Cappello, Steve Barretto, Shawn McDonough, and Kim Dexter

Not Present: Deacon Jay Cormier, Ken Tarara, and Therese Vallario

Call to order: 7:00pm

Opening Prayer: Shawn McDonough

Updates/Reports

Staff Update:

- No major news to report
- Excited to work on plans for the next Harvest Fest

Finance Council: Steve

- Recent reports say that there is a deficit, but has decreased
- Money has been saved on music and ground maintenance
- Comedy Night has provided about \$7000
- Knights of Columbus should be providing \$10,000 to the parish
- There has been a decrease in offertory
- Electronic giving on pushpay had a large increase in use for 2019 compared to 2018
- Next task is to look into ways to promote second collections with electronic giving
- Jay asked how much does the app take from an electronic giving; Steve said about 3%; however electronic giving provides much more consistency and can help the parish save money on postage from mailing envelopes.

Survey Committee: Kim

- On the weekend of March 20/21 there will be an announcement before mass and a message in the bulletin about the coming survey the following week.
- The following PC members will make an announcement before mass (and then read the opening announcements for the lector) and/or be available after mass to answer questions

4:00pm - Lorraine

7:30am - Jay & Bettie

9:30 - Ken & Kristen

11:00 - Kim & Steve

5:00 - Kim

Options for returning survey: Mail it, offertory basket, or bring to office. PC will have a basket and pen/pencils for people to do right after mass. Parishioners can return the survey at the end of mass if completed, or return the following week.

Social Committee: Therese

- Social night will be postponed until further notice.

New Business

Upcoming Meetings/Elections: Kristen

- PC next scheduled meeting is on Holy Thursday, which is a conflict
- New option: April 16th, 6:00 at St. Julie Hall
- Use April meeting for the survey, then May to plan for elections
- Next meeting PC will vote about postponing elections following the bylaws of the PC

Stations of the Cross: 3/25/2020 at 12pm

- If any PC members are available, please come help Kristen

Open: PC members

- Bettie would ask that the church remind people that God is in charge and He will guide us through this pandemic. Fr. shared that he has a prayer from the Pope about the coronavirus that he hopes to integrate into mass. Fr. echoed Bettie's comments and said that prayer is powerful. The prayers of the faithful can be adjusted for this virus.

General Remarks: Fr. Vincent

- No signs of peace, per the Bishop, due to the rise of COVID-19

Closing Prayer: Fr. Vincent

Adjourn: 9:12PM

Next meeting: April 16, 2020