

Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council zoom Meeting
December 12, 2020

Council members present: Rob Cassleman, Fr. Steve Dublinski, Lorraine Farrand, Jim Lincoln, Kevin Owens, Eric Patera, Mary Schweitzer, Char Snekvik, Charlotte Worthy, and Mary Sutherland, parish secretary,

Opening Prayer

Liturgy and Worship Commission Report: The report is attached, and posted on the website. The parking lot Masses are all weather-dependent. Fr. Steve was comfortable last Sunday, December 6, in the cold and fog.

Penance services: A staff member suggested a parking lot service. Fr. Steve remembered that Pope Francis gave permission for general absolution. He bought a generator so we have portable electricity to use in the church parking lot. There will be a canopy, a mic, and a chair. The service is short. Everyone stays in their cars. We received the speakers that we ordered. We've missed having them in parking lot.

Christmas Services – weather permitting, there is a Christmas Eve Communion service at 3 pm in the movie theater parking lot. Christmas morning Mass is at 10 am, also in the theater parking lot. If the weather is bad, we'll have walk up communion outside the church on Christmas Eve. On Christmas morning the bad weather plan is to livestream Mass from the church, and have communion available outside the church.

Christmas Play – each child is filming his or her part independently. Then Fr. Steve will mix the play into a single video. We will show it at the children's service and make an unlisted link available, maybe only to the parents.

Hispanic Outreach – Alex Amado found two other members for an Hispanic Parish Council. That is a good number to start with. They haven't met yet. It will be a Zoom meeting with Fr. Steve when they do.

January & February Masses – The members discussed what to do during January and February. They decided we should take a two-month break from parking lot Masses. The weather will be even more unpredictable, we may be at the height of the pandemic, and the Mass crew needs a break. Everyone has done a tremendous job. We'll continue streaming Masses from the church. After Christmas we'll take a break, then start again in March.

Safety committee – New first aid kits are in place in the church building. Theresa Paul will soon put up signs to highlight their location. We are in the process of changing internet providers and adding superior Wi-Fi equipment. The smoke detectors we're looking at are Google Nest, which use a wireless system. Volunteers are working to coordinate everything.

We are going to stop using the present nursery and the St. Teresa Room at the end of the hallway for children because those rooms have no windows. The nursery will probably be on the wood floor in the social hall. The Religious Ed supplies will be moved to the current nursery room. The extra tables and chairs in the social hall will be stored in what is now the RE supply closet. One of the smaller 9:45 am Faith Formation classes will meet in the annex behind a divider. The RE staff and volunteers plan to gradually move everything after Christmas.

Our PPP loan was forgiven. Once the form was turn in the approval came very quickly.

Improvement fund drive raised \$52,940 – It went way beyond expectations. Compared to effort of holding an auction, it was a small effort for a big response. It gives us wiggle room on buying safety upgrades and making other improvements. People were very generous. Thank you!

ACA – we need \$2500, we're getting close.

Final Facilities Study from architects – we haven't heard from them recently.

Constitution and by-laws: We will look at modifying them in January or February. We are on the borderline of being a big parish with 400 families. The bylaws could be updated to organize parish commissions and committees in a better way, allowing for widespread participation and transparency. We can have ministry fairs with food, and hand out brochures, update the website, and get a few volunteers that way, but asking in person works best.

One thing to consider – when we open up again it will be over a year since people attended Mass. We need to do something to help people bridge back to coming in person. The Parish Evaluation Project sent out a good newsletter which emphasized listening to people's stories. Mary Sutherland will forward it to the council.

There is a new permanent ministry – livestreaming services. We need more volunteers who can do that. Good Wi-Fi will make that easier.

Christmas cards for residents of adult care facilities: The social justice ministry is asking people to put messages on Christmas cards, and make paper ornaments to be distributed to those who may have a lonely Christmas.

Closing prayer: Glory Be