

## Pastoral Council Zoom meeting 5-17-20

Members present: Alex Amado, Rob Cassleman, Fr. Steve Dublinski, Lorraine Farrand, Aurora Horstkamp, Jim Lincoln, Kevin Owens, Eric Patera, Mary Schweitzer, Char Snekvik (chair) and Charlotte Worthy. Also present: Kurt Zimmerman for the Finance and Administration Commission, and Mary Sutherland, Parish Secretary.

The meeting opened with the Our Father.

**Finance & Administration commission report** (attached or posted with minutes) Kurt presented the report. Here is a brief summary and some additions:

**Building committee:** The seller from the Sunnyside property checked in, we said we're still interested but waiting for the study. For the Moscow-Pullman highway property we need a discussion with Catholic Charities, which isn't happening during the shut-down. The CKA Architect feasibility study should be ready by about June 5.

**Finance update:** We still have money, although our assets are down from \$140,358 at the end of December to \$131,898 at the end of April. We still need to encourage people to continue to give. There may be more people here than usual in the summer if they aren't traveling.

Fr. Steve noted that the diocese sent out a chart giving a predicted curve for parish income during the crisis – an increase at Easter, then it dips below normal. We can see a downward curve in the full finance report. We have a payroll protection loan. It will help cover expenses for the next couple months.

**Safety committee update:** Bishop Daly will now allow confessions indoors or outdoors. Small weddings & baptisms are allowed. Drive in masses are ok, but state guidelines say nothing can be distributed, so no Communion. When we get to phase 3 where gatherings of 50 or less are allowed, the committee recommends that all masses be outdoors as much as possible. It is much safer outdoors.

When outdoor masses begin there will be one on Saturday evening. Sunday we're not sure yet. The most likely place is the space between the parish office house and parish hall. There could also be a screen for watching the live-streamed mass between the church and social hall. If possible, people will bring their own chairs, it saves on sanitizing. Fr. Steve is open to renting a big space when the weather gets bad, but doesn't want to spend a lot of money.

**Maintenance committee update:** – not much change since the last report. The current report states that the women's restroom toilet is leaking at the base. Eric will repair it and check on the water in the furnace room behind the St. Mary's room. Kurt filled in the sunken lawn areas and spread grass seed. Rob is going to contact the roof contractor who did his house and ask him to look at the leaking steeple. The parking lot needs painting and sealing.

**Gardening committee update:** Jane Hommel is head of the committee. She has planted some flowers and is planning to fertilize. They are open to doing more, pruning, etc. Now during phase two it can be done. The money comes out of the maintenance and repair budget.

**Faith formation board:** Our three RCIA adults were received into the church last weekend. Two were baptized and confirmed, and one confirmed, with the bishop's permission. Two children still need baptism, confirmation and first Eucharist. The next priority is children's confirmation and first Eucharist. The bishop is considering delegating pastors to confer the sacraments. We could do one or two families at a time depending on the phase we're in.

**Liturgy and worship commission** – We should do something special for **Pentecost**. The council discussed having a drive-in mass. Our lot will only hold about 40 cars at a time. They have to be spaced at least six feet apart in order for the windows to be open. Members will look into the availability of parking lots at Schweitzer and WSU. Fr. Steve asked Keith Curran to find out about sound systems. Some people do not have cell phones, a radio broadcast may be best. We can notify those who don't use email by mailing the bulletin or by phone. We may have to pay to use a parking lot and possibly build a stage.

**Spanish Mass:** Is there a way to have Spanish close captioning for the Mass video? What is the technology and cost? Dan Jinguji is looking into subtitling the homily video in Spanish.

**Community Outreach commission:** When will **communion for the homebound** be reinstated? Those people are in a very high-risk group. We still can't go into Regency or Bishop. It may be a while.

**Family Promise:** Families are staying in hotel rooms. It is more expensive. Family Promise volunteers are still preparing meals.

**Fall activities: Pastoral Council retreat** – We will schedule most things as usual. We can always cancel or do a Zoom meeting. The retreat is scheduled for Saturday, September 26, 9 am to noon.

**Oktoberfest:** That should be cancelled this year.

**Parish Auction:** It is scheduled for October 24. It could be virtual with catered, delivered meals. A number of Catholic institutions are planning online auctions. If they work, we'll borrow their model.

**Welcome back BBQ for students in parking lot:** We will have that. It is easy to distance or just have students walk by and pick up a meal.

**Confessions:** Those will begin soon outside in the gathering area next to church. Jane Hommel brought portable curtains that can be set up.

**Youth Representative:** The council would like to have a youth representative. Fr. Steve reported there will be a number of involved seniors next year. It would be good to have a pair of them. Mary will ask Linea to bring it up at tonight's virtual youth meeting.

**Faith formation secretary and Spanish language:** Did we find someone who can speak Spanish? We weren't able to find a qualified person who could speak Spanish well, but our new employee, Anna Parks, can understand and read it.

The Spanish speaking community appreciates the work Jessica Ortiz is doing to translate Fr. Steve's homily and the Sunday prayers. Alex sends them out each weekend and they are on the parish homepage. Members wondered if we could have headphones at Mass with a recording of the homily in Spanish, also the readings. We will look into it.

**Zoom meetings:** The members thanked Kevin for setting them up.

**Next meeting:** Sunday, June 14, 9:45 am, by Zoom. The last meeting for the school year.