

Pastoral Council Zoom meeting, June 14, 2020

Members present: Alex Amado, Rob Cassleman, Fr. Steve Dublinski, Lorraine Farrand, Aurora Horstkamp, Jim Lincoln, Kevin Owens, Mary Schweitzer, Char Snekvik (chair) and Charlotte Worthy. Also present: Mary Sutherland, Parish Secretary.

The meeting opened with the Our Father.

Welcome to youth members: Two youth volunteered to be pastoral council members during the coming year, Kelsey Benton and Diego Kittelson. Mary forgot to send an invite to the meeting to them and our youth minister, Linea Johnson. Father Steve will meet with them to explain what the council does.

Faith Formation Commission: The board is trying to be creative. No one option will work for teaching during this time. Online learning only works for some students, the majority are struggling with it.

Liturgy & Worship Commission:

The Year of the Eucharist: Bishop Daly proclaimed June 2020 to June 2021 the Year of the Eucharist. There is a link on our website to the diocesan resource page. The Bishop's pastoral letter, *The Most Holy Eucharist*, will be helpful to read before the Disciples in Dialogue series about the Eucharist, which starts June 17. It is about a ten-minute read.

Drive in Mass June 21. It's clear that more people attended the drive in Mass than the outdoor weekend Masses. At least double. Some older people felt more secure there. We will do it again. The movie theater is letting us use their parking lot again for free. Atom Heart cut their bill in half for the first Mass, which was very generous. We hope the weather is nicer. There is a new sign up program through Flocknote. If people sign up on Flocknote, we will have a register of who is present, and it will speed things up checking off cars when people arrive. 100 cars will max it out. People can sign up from the website as well as the bulletin email.

Safety committee – reopening of the church: They approve of what we have done so far. They are talking about the future. We cannot have Christmas in the church. Mary contacted Beasley Coliseum about a possible all-parish Christmas Eve Mass. They are still looking into how many people can occupy the space safely. It would be expensive, but we could possibly share the cost with other local congregations, such as the Episcopalians or Lutherans, who have a similar set-up and might want to have Christmas Eve services there. Bohler Gym is not an option, it is an NCAA facility and only available for WSU groups. What are the alternatives for weekend Masses during bad weather? The high school gym, Gladish? What is available, what would it cost, is there enough room for distancing, do they have upgraded filters?

Community Outreach Commission: There is a social justice meeting this week. They will talk about racism – Catholics are very concerned with this. Social justice may lead a discussion about it.

Finance & Administration Commission:

Building committee – They meet Tuesday, June 23, with the architects. This is the final meeting before we get the facilities report. The committee will give feedback for the report. The Sunnyside area property owner is asking us again if we can lock in a deal. The committees need to meet to go over the report, then meet with the congregation. Outside during the summer might be a good time to do that. We can gather on the lawn and spread out. Or have a Zoom meeting. We will try to do Disciples in Dialogue with Zoom. People who don't have it can come in person. Mary will talk with Linea about our Zoom account.

Maintenance committee: Gylling Construction gave us an estimate of \$9,195 to repair the roof of the steeple. They are the first roofer to agree to come and give an estimate; we have been trying since Fr. Jeff was pastor. Shingles continue to blow off during windstorms. This company did a great job on the Cassleman's roof. It is a very difficult job. We need to do it before we have a lot of leaking. Rob will find out when the company can do it. Fr. Steve knows of an anonymous donor who will pay for it.

Eric Patera fixed the leak in the bathroom. The heating system needs a few repairs. That will be part of the building evaluation. We hope to look at the plan and determine how to move forward. The architect was delayed by the current situation and city zoning. The church and parking lot are in two different zoning areas, which makes finding out about permitting, etc., very difficult.

Patio wall (gathering area). A mason agreed to do the brickwork. When he looked at it the damage was worse than he thought. He had agreed to do for \$2,000 if we did deconstruction and bought bricks. Al Farrand has removed most of the old bricks. Now we need to get the new bricks. The mason gave good advice on how to maintain the wall. Part of the answer is to keep the snow off of it in the winter. He will redesign the cap of the wall slightly. It will have a slight overhang so water will drip off rather than running along the bricks. It should have a good life.

The light by the social hall is still not working. Don Snekvik will work on it.

Landscaping: A few people are helping, and doing a nice job. We have nice flowers in front of the church. We did a clean-up last weekend. Eric did more work on the parking lot. We need to seal it. It will cost about \$3,000 to do it ourselves vs \$12,000 for someone else.

Racism & diversity: We have a diverse community. How does the parish handle it, are we welcoming? Are we diversified in our ministries and boards? Do we have a white bias? We are all affected by our culture and need to be aware.

Alex is sending out emails about the Mass times and places for Sacred Heart and putting them on Facebook. There will be a new pastor at St Thomas More July 1, Fr. Paul Heric. We don't know if he knows Spanish. He will also be pastor of Colton/Uniontown. He has a lot of energy and ideas. He needs to figure out how to run the Newman Center during coronavirus. The Knights should help sustain that ministry. It will be a difficult year.

We will keep working on diversity. We have a great community. How is our representation in all of our committees? Some committees are not on the website, like the building committee and maintenance committee. We don't have demographic information for the parish.

We will continue reach out to the Spanish community. In the long term, they should be at Sacred Heart, since this is the family parish. We will continue having a reading in Spanish for the 8:30 Mass. Fr. Steve will reach out to Fr. Paul to see what he is planning.

Fall activities: The Sacred Heart parking lot welcome-back BBQ for students in the neighborhood is August 28. We will pass out food. If we have tables they will need to be spread out, but it is hard to keep younger people apart.

Next meeting: The council needs to meet after we get the building committee report. Kevin will send it out, then we will meet together. Probably by Zoom, or we could meet in the yard.

Some questions for the fall retreat: How long do people serve on standing committees and commissions? How do they get off and on? We should review the constitution and bylaws at the retreat.

Submitted by Mary Sutherland