

# Pastoral Council Meeting

## January 7, 2020 Minutes

**Present:** Rev. Jazdzewski, Chris Woodford, Laura Miller, Kris Miller, and Elaine Carlson. John Durtschi came to represent the FC.

Becky Adamski-Krische and Matt Krische have decided to step down from the Parish Council. Their many efforts and devotion to God and our parish are truly appreciated.

The PC meeting was called to order by Chris Woodford on January 7, 2020, at 7:04 PM. Rev. Jazdzewski remarked on last Parish Faith Night after the evening Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. He said that three groups of six people each met for small group discussions. He said people were sharing their journey and there was some beautiful stuff happening, lots of graces. Rev. read the Gospel from Jan. 12, which was the conclusion of Christmas, and lead the prayer to begin the meeting.

### **Committee Updates:**

**Finance Council:** John Durtschi reported highlights from their meeting earlier tonight. Negotiations continue with Catholic Charities regarding payment for improvements made to the St. Patrick rectory and their increased office space.

Elevator update: On 1/22, another meeting is scheduled and will provide the project bid. The elevator will go basically where the tunnel is; main floor opening will be into the usher room area, and the basement entrance would be into the area next to the women's rest room. The biggest question will be if the parish be able to raise funds to cover the costs. A *very* rough estimate is \$300,000.

**Education Committee (EC):** Chris reported from their 11/18 minutes. Josh will lead the EC, which will now be meeting on the second Tuesday of the month. The PC needs a representative for this committee.

**Community Concerns Committee (CCC):** Elaine Carlson reported. Christmas cards to homebound parishioners were completed and mailed following their December meeting. Volunteerism in the parish seems to be changing. Community Table responses have increased. Beacon and Sojourner Houses seem to have trouble getting volunteers to cover the duties. The CCC meets on 1/20. Elaine will ask for members to witness/speak at Masses one weekend, which might help increase volunteers.

**Sacred Worship Committee (SWC):** Liz asked the PC to discuss the continuation Divine Mercy and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions at the parish. SWC suggested the parish offer the devotions after the 10:30am Sunday Mass, in the section of the church near the baptismal font. No mic will be used. After discussion the PC agreed to support the SWC recommendations.

### **Old Business:**

-**Building & Grounds:** Finance Council (FC) is discussing what to do with the vacant Parish Center.

-**Update on renovations from FC:** Will the elevator project be completed by summer 2020? Will that start preparations for a renovation in honor of Sacred Heart's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary?

-**St Patrick Screen:** A suggestion to use the panels to create the divider between gathering space and the nave of the church. What serves as the divider now was always considered temporary. Fabrication of the dividers has stalled due to weather but will resume as soon as possible.

**New Business:**

-With the resignation of the Krisches, Terry Allen, and Ben Minerath over the last year, the PC now needs 3-4 replacements. At least two of those positions should be filled. Listening session discussions brought up questions about how PC members are chosen. Do we want to elect or appoint member? Diocesan norms dictate that at least one third are elected, one third are appointed, unless no one wants to apply. Discussion resulted in the decision to appoint subcommittee representatives who will also serve as PC members and possibly have elections next fall.

-St. Patrick's Day Dinner: This event was the Family Life Committee's domain. Jeanne Reber has organized the event for many years. Now that the Parish Center is closed, where should the event be held? Should we pause of a while, review, and make new plans for the future? No St. Patrick's Day Dinner will be held this year.

-Major Raffle: Is there a way to have a large cash raffle that will bring in money from outside the parish, rather than continuing to strain our generous parishioners? This discussion is tabled so more information can be gathered.

-Volunteer Software: The parish has purchased and is now using Ministry Scheduler Pro. It will be implemented and go live sometime soon.

Ideas for future agendas: Please e-mail them to Chris Woodford.

The meeting ended at 9:30 PM with prayer led by Rev. Jazdzewski.

**Next Meeting:** February 4, 2020 at 7:00 PM. Elaine will lead the meeting in Chris' absence.

Respectfully submitted by Myrthe McCarthy.