

October 19, 2020 Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Kevin Morgan, Jim Moscato, Jacob Rachwal, Irene Stranz, Dianne DiPasquale, Joe Herrmann, Michelle Brady, Mary Kruszka, Jerry Franz, Janet Griffin, Deacon Carl Koester, Fr. Art Mattulke, Fr. Pat O'Keefe, Eileen Lyon, Leslie Brooks, Ryan Baker, Pat Boyle

Excused: Sr. Marilyn Dudek, Richard Blake, Jacob Druzvik, Karin Dusza, Jessica Frampton, Judy Shelley, Diane Liptak, Drew McNichol, Deacon Robb Ciezki, Warren Ristine

Unexcused: none

Meeting was called to order by Irene Stranz at 7:01 pm. The meeting was held in the church for social distancing purposes due to Covid-19. The opening prayer was replaced with Fr. Pat O'Keefe presenting a Salt program reflecting on the meaning of salt throughout history, each member pouring their individual salt into a common bowl symbolizing our individual gifts joined together on the council.

Approval of September minutes – motion to approve by Janet Griffin, 2nd by Jerry Franz

Announcements:

With sadness, the council was informed of the passing of our own Deacon Jon Wlos on October 18. Irene Stranz brought a sympathy card for all to sign. October is clergy appreciation month; Irene gave special thanks to all our priests and deacons for their service and support. Robert Sweeney has stepped down for his final year on the council due to covid health concerns. As per the selection procedures, the next candidate selected was contacted and accepted the offer to fill the term for this year – we welcome Pat Boyle to the council. The member list has been updated and copies were provided to all members.

Old Business:

- Vice-President Joe Herrmann reviewed all changes to the By Laws which were discussed last month and held a vote on each. All changes were approved unanimously.
- Church Cleaning – per a suggestion from Kevin Morgan, the time for funeral masses is now changed to 10:30 am in order to allow enough time for cleaning after 9 am mass. It was suggested that those cleaning after masses first have some patience with parishioners who may socialize for a few minutes after mass and, only if necessary, politely ask them to move to the outer hallways.
- Sub-Committees – Sign up sheets were passed around for members for the committee of their choice

New Business:

- Fr. Art explained the church sound system is “fixed” for now but the mixer board will eventually need replacing. There is a meeting set for all interested parties on 10/29.
- Friends of the Night People is resuming service by handing out “to go” meals and has asked if SSPP can provide 4 volunteers on our previously normal day, the 3rd Saturday of each month from approx. 4:30-7:30 pm at the downtown location. November has already been filled. Dave Jones has a contact list of those who used to help regularly, a request will be put in the bulletin, and anyone who wants to help should contact Dave.

- Fr. Pat stated the school and the faith formation program are both going well – see their respective monthly reports for details. The school is still looking for someone to fill the full time position to sanitize the school during the day for minimum wage and also someone to work part-time in the cafeteria 3 hrs per day as a cashier.
- Fr. Art stated we are averaging 150 people per mass or 600 per weekend. However, still only getting about 30 people signing up by phone and/or Eventbrite. Suggestions were presented on how to get more people to reserve their seats at mass – all members asked to think about this and also spread the word. Fr. Art stated they have begun thinking about managing Christmas mass attendance including livestreaming all masses, holding mass in both church and gym, etc. Members asked to think and bring ideas to the November meeting. Leslie Brooks to look into a contact to potentially help with livestreaming without someone needing to man it every time.

Motion to adjourn made by Janet Griffin, 2nd by Joe Herrmann.

Closing prayer by Fr. Art. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Next meeting: November 9th 7:00 pm in the church. Opening prayer to be said by Irene Stranz.

Submitted by Dianne DiPasquale, Secretary