

November 9, 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, Warren Ristine, Drew McNichol. Guest – Greg Jones

Excused: Sr. Marilyn Dudek, Richard Blake, Jacob Druz bik, Karin Dusza, Jessica Frampton, Judy Shelley, Diane Liptak, Deacon Robb Ciezki, Deacon Carl Koester, Jacob Rachwal

Unexcused: none

Meeting was called to order by Irene Stranz at 7:00 pm. The meeting was held in the church for social distancing purposes due to Covid-19. Opening prayer by Irene Stranz. Reading of mission statement.

Motion to approval October minutes – by Michelle Brady, 2nd by Janet Griffin. APPROVED

Guest Speaker:

New parishioner, Greg Jones, spoke to the council about his ideas on increasing/improving evangelization, starting with enthusiastic and friendly greeters, be warm and welcoming and build trust. The goal is to develop this into an evangelization ministry which would organize various events, invite parishioners, those moving into Hamburg, attract younger families. Mr. Jones was introduced to current members of our Evangelization sub-committee to continue work on the ideas.

Old Business:

- Updated version of By Laws, as approved last month, has been placed on the church website. The Parish Handbook is in the process of having certain items updated as necessary and then also replaced on the website.
- Irene Stranz advised members that if they bring cans/bottles to the Cash for Cans recycling business on Clark Street, you can request that the cash return amount be donated to SSPP – it will go toward the 8th grade class graduation expenses
- All monies collected from the Council in memory of Deacon John will be used to purchase a gift for the school in his name. A former educator, the students held a special place in his heart. Sr. Marilyn will provide suggestions for item(s) that the school needs, perhaps social studies department.
- Fr. Art noted the sound system is working well now, up to its potential after “tweaking”.

New Business:

- Irene explained a Sign-Up Genius would be sent out closer to Christmas mass times asking pastoral council members to volunteer for church/gym cleaning after Christmas masses
- Fr. Art and Fr. Pat discussed the Worship committee’s plans and ideas for Christmas masses. Have applied to the Diocese for permission to have an early vigil on Christmas Eve at 3 pm. Other tentative mass times are Christmas Eve 5 pm and Midnight Vigil, and Christmas Day at 7:30 am, 9:30 am, and 11:30am. All masses would be in person in church, in gym and livestreamed (from church only), except the Midnight Vigil would be church only and not in the gym.

Tickets will be required to attend and will be available ONLY by calling the rectory. Church to be filled first, then gym. Maximum 200 people in church, 150 in gym. Watching virtually is encouraged due to the much smaller number of people allowed in person as compared to normal years. Contemporary group will only have 3 musicians. Choir will have organist and 4 singers only, socially distanced. A letter will be going out to all parishioners explaining everything. All plans are dependent on status of pandemic and any governmental restrictions.

- Attempt to spread the news regarding need to order tickets to attend mass will be made through the letter to parishioners, mass announcements, bulletin, website, Facebook, signs on church doors, catchy colors... Eileen Lyon suggested free community event announcement in Hamburg Sun and any other ways to reach those who may not regularly come to church. Possible outside signage was suggested along Main St.
- Buildings & Grounds - Dianne DiPasquale asked about the status of the construction project at rectory door to protect individuals from ice/snow falling. Fr. Art will get status/timeline update from Kyle.
- Kevin Morgan wrote up detailed cleaning instructions which will be available for all to read so they know exactly what to do if they volunteer to help clean after masses
- Fr. Art stated that May 4, 2021 will be Fr. Pat's 25th anniversary of his ordination; put that on the council's to-do list to plan a celebration next year in honor of that important milestone.

Motion to adjourn made by Jerry Franz and 2nd by Janet Griffin.

Fr. Pat gave a closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Next meeting: December 14th 7:00 pm in the church. Opening prayer to be said by Joe Herrmann.

Submitted by Dianne DiPasquale, Secretary