

February 8, 2021 Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

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

Excused: Deacon Robb Ciezki, Sr. Marilyn Dudek, Richard Blake, Karin Dusza, Jessica Frampton, Judy Shelley, Diane Liptak,

Meeting was called to order by Irene Stranz at 7:05 pm. Opening prayer read by Michelle Brady. The mission statement was read aloud by all.

Motion to approve January meeting minutes by Deacon Dennis, 2nd by Pat Boyle. Unanimously approved.

Announcements: Irene thanked all who attended the mass celebrated by our new Bishop, and for wearing Pastoral Council badges and greeting him after mass. Thank you to Janet Griffin for the bulletin announcement soliciting more volunteers to help church sanitizing after masses and to both Janet and Kevin Morgan for revamping the instructions once again. And thank you again to Otto Johnson, Dave Jones, and Andy Straub for their continued work repairing pew end caps which have been coming unglued due to lack of humidity with new air conditioning system.

Old Business: n/a

New Business:

- Social Ministry is having two more drive thru chicken BBQ's on April 10 and May 15 from noon – 6 pm both days and have asked for help from Pastoral Council with traffic control in parking lot. Half the proceeds will go to Social Ministry and half to the church. Asking for us to sign up for 2-hour shifts – a Sign Up Genius will be created and sent to all on the Council along with those in Social Ministry. Janet will provide the orange vests to wear again.
- Ray Guagliardi is planning to hold a drive thru Polish dinner on April 17 to benefit the church and also is asking for our help with food preparation and drive thru traffic control. The time of the event is still TBD.
- A discussion was held regarding the ministries of Ushers and Greeters. At certain mass times, the ushers generally also greet parishioners; however, since ushers have many other duties, the ministries are distinct and should ideally complement each other. It was decided that Kevin Morgan would reach out to Peter Oddy from the Ushers and discuss how the two groups can best help each other to accomplish the same goal of making parishioners and guests feel welcome.
- Fr. Art also stated that post-covid restrictions, we must remember to reengage with all of our ushers, many of whom are not ushering now due to a variety of reasons

(health/safety, decreased need, fewer mass times, etc.) to ensure they know how much they are appreciated and are wanted to continue in this ministry.

- Warren Ristine provided an update from the Selection Committee. He has bulletin announcements ready and will have the same placed on the parish website. Jacob Rachwal's second term is up; Irene Stranz, Dianne DiPasquale and Pat Boyle's terms are also up this year. Selection day will be Pentecost Sunday, May 23 at the 11:30 am mass. All current members are asked to think about someone who they believe would be a good nominee and either contact them or provide their name and contact info to the Selection Committee. Let that individual know why you believe they would be a good addition to the council.
- Fr. Art advised the council of the changes for the Lenten season this year due to covid restrictions. Ashes will not be placed on foreheads, but will be sprinkled on top of the head (actually the European way). Mass times on Ash Wednesday will be at 7am, 9am, and 7 pm (NO 4PM). The new times and procedures will be announced at this weekend's masses prior to Ash Wednesday. There will be no washing of the feet. Parishioners will bow only before the cross during the Veneration of the Cross service. The Stations of the Cross will be written on paper and posted under each station in the church and parishioners can walk and recite the stations individually. There will still be Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 7 pm but only the priest will walk along while all parishioners will sit in pews and recite together. No word yet on Palm Sunday but we expect that we will still be able to hand out palms as parishioners enter church. Fr. Pat and Fr. Art noted that all of these new restrictions are not their decisions but have been prescribed by either the Diocese or by Rome. Their goal is to be able to keep church open and keep all attending safe.
- We have many ornaments leftover which were purchased years before as a fundraiser. The ornament portraying the Crucifixion window all sold out, but we have several hundred each of the other three window ornaments. It is asked that council members think about ideas for our next meeting about how to sell or use for gifts or awards.
- Sub-committee reports:
Ministry – Irene reported the Lenten book is on hold due to covid.

Facilities & Procedures – Warren Ristine reported the committee has a meeting scheduled in February. The group is tasked with reviewing the parish handbook for updates as well as ensuring the booklet of policies and procedures for events and fundraisers. Advised to check with Kim Stiller to see if any of the documents or procedures have been changed recently. Warren spoke with Andy Straub who provided the 2018 wish list/to do list of the entire campus, some of which have already been completed. Andy will work with us to update that list for what has been done and what is still needed.

Discipleship – Drew McNichol indicated he is willing to chair the committee but needs info on the tasks and goals. Irene will send that info to him and Drew will also reach out to Greg Jones again.

Fellowship – Janet Griffin stated the committee has not yet had a meeting but their biggest next task will be a celebration for Fr. Pat’s upcoming anniversary which is on May 4th. The committee needs to find out exactly what we are allowed to do based on restrictions.

- There were no comments on any of the parish committee reports
- For the Good of the Parish:
Irene was contacted by an individual with an idea about a tote bag to use as a possible fundraiser. Informed that we actually already have tote bags very similar with the SSPP logo which are given to new parishioners as part of their welcome information.

Fr. Art gave kudos to the 8th grade class who did a fabulous job on the Spaghetti Dinner last weekend. They had an online basket raffle in conjunction with it which raised \$5K. They sold out 500 raffle tickets at \$10 and had 30 baskets all donated by 8th grade families. Each ticket entered you in a drawing to win each of the baskets – raffle was done live online on Saturday night and took only about 20 minutes. Winners could pick up the basket on Sunday when they drove through to purchase their dinners.

Fr. Pat modeled a white polo shirt purchased online with the church logo on the front top left side. It was agreed that this would be a good fundraiser to pursue as it involves no upfront costs – buyers order online from a variety of colors and the shirt is shipped directly to them – the church receives a percentage of the profit. Fr. Pat will pursue the matter further with the online company.

Fr. Pat gave a closing prayer. A motion to adjourn was made by Kevin Morgan and 2nd by Jerry Franz. Motion approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 8 and Warren Ristine will provide the opening prayer.

Submitted by Dianne DiPasquale
Secretary