

March 8, 2021 Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Jim Moscato, Irene Stranz, Dianne DiPasquale, Michelle Brady, Mary Kruszka, Janet Griffin, Fr. Pat O'Keefe, Eileen Lyon, Ryan Baker, Warren Ristine, Jacob Druz bik, Deacon Dennis Conroy, Pat Boyle, Fr. Art Mattulke, Jacob Rachwal, Deacon Carl Koester, Drew McNichol, Leslie Brooks, Deacon Robb Ciezki

Guests: Michael Koch, Nick Koch

Excused: Joe Herrmann, Kevin Morgan, Jerry Franz, Sr. Marilyn Dudek, Richard Blake, Karin Dusza, Jessica Frampton, Judy Shelley, Diane Liptak,

Meeting was called to order by Irene Stranz at 7:04 pm. Opening prayer by Warren Ristine. The mission statement was read aloud by all.

Motion to approve February meeting minutes by Leslie Brooks, 2nd by Mary Kruszka. Unanimously approved.

Announcements:

Irene introduced Eagle Scout Nick Koch who is looking for suggestions for his final project which does not need to be completed for several years. Some ideas given to him were restraining pews from covid cleaning, repainting outdoor nativity wooden pieces, something at Outreach or School. He was given additional contact info to follow up on ideas.

Irene stated the Friends of Night People is still in need of volunteers (3-4 per month) to help serve takeout dinners downtown. Contact Dave Jones.

Per Business Manager, Don Wach, any checks written to the church, school, outreach, etc. must be made payable to either SSPP, SSPP Church, Ss Peter & Paul, or Ss Peter and Paul Church. Bank will no longer honor if made payable to anything else such as SSPP Outreach, cemetery, school, etc. (SSPP Parent's Guild is still okay as they have a separate bank account.)

Old Business:

Ornament usage – Michelle Brady suggested selling them for Easter gifts/spring suncatchers at possibly 1 for \$20 and all 3 designs for \$45. A way to bring church back into our homes.

Sign up genius has been created and sent to all for Social Ministry BBQ traffic control help on April 10.

Polish drive thru dinner on April 17 from 4:30 – 6:30; Ray G looking for help packaging to-go meals and traffic control. Irene will double check with Ray whether he will create his own sign-up genius or not.

Irene relayed an update from Kevin Morgan about his Feb 14th discussion with Peter Oddy (ushers). Ushers and Greeters are on the same page that they are complimentary ministries and are both interested in the good of the parish. No further pastoral council action needed.

St. Vincent DePaul Ministry – want to identify homebound and those experiencing significant loneliness and do a targeted phone call outreach. Pastoral Council agreed it was an excellent idea. Eileen Lyon indicated that SVDP should contact Karin Dusza with Outreach as she has a homebound list for communion purposes.

Palm Sunday/Easter updates: Fr. Art stated the Liturgy committee would be meeting on March 11th to finalize details. Palms will be handed out to parishioners entering the church for masses on Palm Sunday; ushers may need extra help. It is suggested those handing out palms wear gloves. All palms left in pews after masses need to be collected to be burned.

Holy Thursday – no washing of the feet will take place.

Good Friday – no kissing of the cross for veneration, only bow or remain in seats if so desired.

Easter Vigil – no RCIA candidates this year. No one will be outside with the priests and process in; ushers will hand out individual candles to parishioners as they enter (again may need extra help). Ask that parishioners take candles home with them to dispose of.

We will be requiring tickets again for all Easter masses.

Church cleaning will be done on Palm Sunday at 1 pm for those able to help.

SSPP Shirt – nothing new to report yet on this

Fr Pat's 25th anniversary celebration (May 4) – Janet Griffin reported that the Fellowship committee, with discussions with Fr. Pat and Fr. Art, have decided that a celebration will be held at a later date in July in conjunction with the church's feast day, preferably outside. More TBD at a later date.

New Business:

We are all saddened to hear that Fr. Art Mattulke will be leaving us for a new placement. He has been a great asset to our parish for the past 10 years and will be greatly missed but we all wish him well as he embarks on God's newest plan for him. Fr. Art spoke to the council that his leaving is bittersweet and how grateful he feels to have been pastor here for 10 years. Bishop Mike has promised that it is a priority to fill the vacancy in a timely manner.

Selection Committee – Chairperson Warren Ristine reported they have 4 candidates confirmed to date and continue to work on a list of names. All PC members should be trying to find a candidate; if you are uncomfortable approaching them yourself, please give the name and contact info to a Selection Committee member (Warren, Drew, Jacob R & Michelle Brady)

Sub-committee reports:

Ministry Support – Jacob Rachwal reported no new updates and that the committee plans to reconvene in April.

Facilities & Procedures – Warren Ristine reported that nothing needs to be updated at this time in the Procedures for Events & Fundraisers. Any updates to the Parish Handbook are on hold until covid restrictions are lifted; when updates do become necessary, Linda Reimondo at the rectory has the master copy and will make all required edits.

Discipleship – Drew indicated he and Kevin are currently the only members and invites anyone else to join. Greg Jones is also still willing to give input/ideas. The sub-committee plans to get

together in the next several weeks to define their goals more clearly. Drew met with Deacon Dennis about a men's conference.

Fellowship – Janet Griffin reported the committee met by zoom. Discussions were held regarding how to honor and thank Fr. Art before he departs our parish.

Standing Committee Reports:

A question was raised to Leslie Brooks regarding the Parents' Guild still selling SCRIP; how to order, when orders are place, etc.

For the Good of the Parish:

n/a

Deacon Carl gave a closing prayer. A motion to adjourn was made by Drew McNichol and 2nd by Jacob Rachwal. Motion approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 12th at 7 pm in the church. Dianne DiPasquale will provide the opening prayer.

Submitted by Dianne DiPasquale
Secretary