

April 12, 2021 Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Jim Moscato, Irene Stranz, Dianne DiPasquale, Michelle Brady, Mary Kruszka, Janet Griffin, Fr. Pat O'Keefe, Eileen Lyon, Warren Ristine, Jacob Druzbiak, Deacon Dennis Conroy, Fr. Art Mattulke, Deacon Carl Koester, Leslie Brooks, Deacon Robb Ciezki, Joe Herrmann, Kevin Morgan, Jerry Franz, Judy Shelley

Excused: Pat Boyle, Jacob Rachwal, Drew McNichol, Sr. Marilyn Dudek, Richard Blake, Karin Dusza, Diane Liptak

Meeting was called to order by Irene Stranz at 7:02 pm. Opening prayer by Dianne DiPasquale. The mission statement was read aloud.

Motion to approve March meeting minutes by Janet Griffin, 2nd by Leslie Brooks. Unanimously approved.

Announcements:

- Irene thanked all for help with Easter mass ticket distribution and with chicken BBQ, which was a huge success.
- She asked all to think about their position on Pastoral Council for next year as far as running for one of the officer positions.
- All are invited to attend a Listening Session this Thursday at 7 pm in the church at which parishioners are invited to share their thoughts about needs of the parish with respect to the search for a new pastor.
- Pastoral Council has been asked to donate a basket for the school virtual auction. It was agreed to do a lottery ticket basket and each member is asked to bring a donation of a few tickets to the April meeting so the basket can be assembled.

Old Business:

- Polish drive thru dinner on April 17 from 4:30 – 6:30 still needs help; please use Sign up Genius to volunteer if you can
- St Vincent DePaul homebound calling program – Kevin Morgan provided an update. Began with 37 homebound per list from Outreach plus 9 more in nursing homes; many could not be reached due to bad contact info. Fr. Art advised Kevin to give the bad contact numbers to rectory secretaries. Of those who were reached, most were actually doing fine but were grateful for the call. Positive takeaway is that people may be doing better than we expected. Two individuals asked when they will be able to receive communion/sacraments in their home again.
- SSPP Polo shirt – per Fr Pat, still a work in progress; in process of finishing the setting up of the account.
- Eagle Scout project – Nothing heard back but Irene will reach out as to whether he need any further information or has made any decision. As the young man still has over 2 years to complete the project and he was merely in the idea gathering phase.

New Business:

Joe Herrmann presented – does the council want to change the by-laws to allow for a current member who is completing their first 3-year term to choose to accept the second term and,

therefore, that slot would be considered full. A discussion was held and the consensus was to accept this idea, but not for this year's selection as candidates have already been explained the current method that is in place. Janet Griffin volunteered to assist Joe in writing by-law changes for council to read, discuss and approve at a later meeting. Joe Herrmann will email the proposed changes to the entire council when prepared.

Irene explained that the walkway entrance of the curb by the Parish Center exterior doors have been painted for greater visibility after an incident when a scooter flipped after hitting the curb.

Selection Committee – Chairperson Warren Ristine reported they have 7 candidates confirmed to date. Written bios and photos of each will be submitted to Fr. Pat by April 24th for approval.

Sub-committee reports:

Ministry Support – will be meeting soon; nothing to report at this time

Facilities & Procedures – no updates

Discipleship – no updates, to meet soon

Fellowship – Janet Griffin reported and Fr. Art confirmed that he has received a multitude of cards from our parish wide prayer project for him. He was deeply touched and thankful.

Standing Committee Reports: no comments

For the Good of the Parish:

Joe Herrmann recounted that he was informed by parishioners of an unsettling incident at the Saturday 4pm Palm Sunday weekend mass: Individual entered mass with a backpack, asked for a mask and was provided one by an usher. However, the gentleman did not wear the mask and went into the bathroom by Main Street entrance with his backpack. Concern that no one approached the individual – for safety purposes.

Irene Stranz relayed that Barb Whitmore would be moving lily plants in the front of the church because they are dying due to location under tree. Barb asked if she could have 2 new planters for either side of the new sign and she would take care of them. Advised expense would need to go through the Finance Council.

Fr Art thanked everyone for all the prayers, cards, blessings and good wishes as he departs for his new parish assignment. The Council presented him with our gifts much to his delight.

Motion to adjourn by Eileen Lyon and 2nd by Jerry Franz. Fr. Art gave his final closing prayer as Pastor of Ss. Peter & Paul. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 10th at 7 pm in the cafeteria. Pat Boyle will provide the opening prayer.

Submitted by Dianne DiPasquale
Secretary