

Blessed Sacrament Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2020
Via ZOOM

Present: Fr. Foley, Fr. Magro, Pat Byers, Rita Thiron, Tiffany Cissna, Eli Angelo, Jay Hauck, Dave Chorzempa, Monica Murphy-Kumar, Fran Scango, Mary Tull, and Leo Flynn

7:10pm Opening Prayer

Pastor's Comments: Fr. Bill gave a brief "State of the Parish" report.

- Since Tammy Flippo shared with a group of adult ministry leaders that her position, the position of Director of Adult Faith Formation, will be eliminated effective August 30th, Fr. Bill confirmed this staffing change.
- Sacraments will likely be small groupings in the fall. Contingency planning continues.
- Nathaniel Roberts, a Seminarian, will be joining the parish starting next week. His responsibilities are TBD.
- Contributions received via Faith Direct for May were above what they were a year ago.
- Questions/Answers
 - The parish day-school is currently preparing for an enrollment of approximately 500. There are also efforts underway to be prepared for in-person as well as virtual learning.
 - The parish office staff is currently full-time, most of the work is being done remotely, but they are working full-time.

Commission Reports and Discussion:

- Worship (Rita Thiron)
 - She summarized the Worship Commission Meeting minutes regarding re-opening of the church.
 - She clarified that the 80 new email addresses received by the parish referred to in her minutes were received over the last couple of months.
 - The parish is still moving forward on hiring a new Director of Liturgy and Worship. Jay Rader's last Sunday at the parish is August 2nd.
- Social / Concerns Outreach (absent)
 - Noting the Greg Gannon sign out front on the circle, Fr. Bill encouraged everyone to participate in the May 16th food drive which is a collaborative effort between many groups and the school.
- Facilities (David Gardiner)
 - There will be a meeting next week with "new subcommittee" to discuss immediate concerns of the parish, including improving the flashing.
 - The Archdiocese has indicated to David/Fr. Bill that any work to sustain/maintain the physical structure will be approved.
 - A qualified contractor will be removing the stations of the cross over the next week. They will be stored in the large confessional. There is a cost associated

with this work, but it needs to be done to protect the stations, a few of which have already been damaged.

- Faith Formation (Dave Chorzempa and Mary Tull)
 - Faith Formation for Children: While sending out some information at this time for current students, the School of Religion is planning for all contingencies in the fall, both virtual and remote.
 - Adult Faith Formation: Groups continue to meet. Many are continuing to meet remotely and are adjusting to the current constraints. Many groups are thriving and look forward to getting back together in the fall.
- Community Life (Eli Angelo)
 - The commission is working to be creative and build community in this time of remote activity.
 - There was agreement that we should be planning for some sort of celebration when we can all worship together again.
 - There was agreement that the Worship Commission should coordinate with Community Life on an appropriate celebration for the parish feast day in June.
- Communications (Jay Hauck)
 - The weekly emails have been working moderately well. There are some recommendations for how to improve it, including the design, that would be helpful to adopt.
 - Parish Feast Day videos leading up to feast day for posting on social media is a great idea and will try to implement using lessons learned from the school's recent successful community-building social media campaigns.
 - Jay's attending the Worship Commission meeting was a helpful experience to find ways to coordinate as appropriate.
 - YouTube worked much better for live streaming the Mass and it was helpful to have that be the primary link on the website.
- Invited Speaker: TeleCare Ministry Leader, Deacon Leo.
 - Gave a brief summary of the genesis of this ministry and who the primary outreach has been to at this point.
 - The ministry currently has 41 volunteers (adults and some children who are joining their parents) who have reached out to 80 percent of the list (parishioners 70+ years old, 20 printed pages of names). He needs an additional 4 volunteers to complete the outreach.
 - Initial feedback on the program has been very positive, call recipients have appreciated the outreach without a "request/ask" attached.
 - The question has arisen about if/how this ministry should continue in the future in a "post COVID-19 world" and there was support for keeping the ministry going.
- *Ex-Officio Members*
 - School – absent
 - School of Religion – absent

- CYO (Monica Murphy-Kumar)
 - The CYO program cancelled and refunded spring sporting events (i.e., track and soccer).
 - CYO, in coordination with CYO Archdiocesan leadership, is planning for fall with the hope that the season will be open.
 - She informed the council of the current comingling of CYO fee funds with general revenue issue and that the CYO Advisory Board is working to address for this year and plan for next year.
- Youth Ministry – absent

Closing Discussion/Questions

- What is the status of the budget and space requests that were submitted in February / March?
 - Fr. Foley is still unaware of where in the processes the space/budget/ministry requests that were submitted in late February and early March are. He will check with Joan to see if she has them.
- Space continues to be an issue, for small groups and large programs like CYO, can we get the study moving forward?
 - There was agreement that if there are paper plans to be shared, this might be a good time to do that.
 - Fr. Bill said he would inform Joan that this work is being done by the Council and ask her to support the group as needed.

Closing Prayer

8:45 PM Adjournment

Approved by Fr. Bill Foley: Fr. William E. Foley
Signature

6/7/20
Date