

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AGENDA

Church of St. Mary

April 29, 2021

7:00pm

McGurk Room

1. Call to Order
2. Prayer – Father Carson
3. Approve minutes from past meeting
4. Committee/Ministry/Organization Reports
5. Pastor's Report
6. Parochial Vicar and Deacon Comments
7. Chairperson's Comments
8. Old business
9. New business: Return to Ministry/School Upgrades
10. Adjournment
11. Closing Prayer

St. Mary's Catholic Church
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
January 28, 2021

Members Present: Father Carson, Fr Zak, Deacon Robinson, Jarrett Auschwitz, Aaron Cordell, Jenna Beck, Sarah Hunsaker, Joe Otto, Vonda Blando

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm

Opening Prayer: Father Carson opened with a prayer and welcomed the new members to Parish Council and asked for current email addresses from each of them who were present. (See list below)

Father asked current members how long each had served and when their term would be up

Jarrett Auschwitz - elected in 2018, terms June 2021

Sarah Hunsaker – elected 2018, terms June 2021

Lori Schiltz – elected 2018, terms June 2021

Jenna Beck - elected in 2020, terms June 2023

Aaron Cordell - elected in 2020, terms June 2023

Joe Otto - elected in 2021, terms June 2024

Vonda Blando – elected in 2021, terms June 2024

Fred Brown – elected 2021, terms June 2024

Bobby Aguilar ?

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from October 2020 meeting was made by Aaron Cordell and seconded by Father Zak. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

School – Sarah Hunsaker

Sarah reported that Catholic Schools weeks begins this coming weekend. It will be somewhat different this year due to Covid-19 and will be more service oriented this year. Covid hasn't affected school routines too much. The school recently got a new bus. A security update is planned for this summer.

Youth, RE, RCIA – Father Carson

Youth - Youth group meets in the gym now in order to more safely social distance. They spend some play and social time in the gym then move to the church for lesson and prayer, then back to the gym until it's time to go home.

R.E. – R.E. is moving toward implementing a model that facilitates more family involvement. The Church is to help with educating children but most will be done in the home. Father says Bridgett reports that this is going okay.

RCIA – We have 4 presenters for RCIA this year; Father Carson, Father Zak, Chris Beck, and Rick Edgington. There are about 5 candidates/catechumens who are interested in coming into the Church this Easter. Rite of Enrollment will be here at St. Mary's this year rather than at the Cathedral due to Covid-19 concerns.

Grounds – Father Carson

New concrete was poured outside McGurk Room kitchen door as there was concern about the safety of voters and others who used that door. There was a high risk of falls before the repairs were done. It is now a much safer entryway.

The security camera install has been completed by Aaron Cordell. They were installed for safety of parishioners and staff.

Over the summer, projected work plans are to move principal's office to front of school building.

Pre-K will be moved over to the main school building. This will hopefully help the pre-school students and their parents feel more connected to the school as a whole. Also the pre-school students will no longer have to cross the street to for lunch or when attending programs in the main school.

Junior High students will move to the Pre-K building.

Father mentioned that a time capsule will be opened this weekend after the 11 am mass. Father reported that Mike Blando recently planted 2 Redbud trees on the church grounds.

Jarrett mentioned that he had heard some concerns about lack of shade on the playgrounds. Sarah stated that PTC has been looking at providing some kind of shading and while this was put on hold last year due to not been able to meet and move forward with plans, it is definitely on the agenda as a future project.

Father addressed the new parish council members who were present and explained that we are an "advisory board" no rules are made within the council, but if we hear about issues or concerns from the parishioners, we can advise the council of this during meeting and it will be discussed.

Knights of Columbus – Aaron Cordell

No report as KofC are not allowed to meet at this time.

St. Francis Guild – Jenna Beck

No report

St. Elizabeth Guild –

No Report

Associate Pastor Report

Father Zak reported that he has continued 1st Friday mass and it has been well attended so he will continue thru May.

He will be attending liturgical classes in Chicago for this summer and will be gone for 8 weekends.

Deacon Report – Richard Robinson

Reports he has been busier since Covid
Adoration on Wednesday is still going on

Chairman Report – Jarrett Auschwitz

Jarrett reports this is his last meeting as chairman and he is looking for one of the members to fill the position.

He mentioned that he has heard parishioners mention that they would like to see the sound system in the church updated.

Pastor Report – Father Carson

Father reported that attendance is still below 45% of pre-Covid numbers

11:00 is the least attended mass right now. 5 pm is still for parishioners who are 60 and older. Would like to bring lectors and servers back, but holding off for now. This is something that will eventually happen. Covid has shut so many of our church activities down. Christmas masses had very low attendance overall.

School is our biggest source of evangelization.

Father asked about Tree of Love and Matthew 25 Project. Vonda reported that the Tree of Love went well. We helped about 20 families. Once again parishioners were very generous with their donations. Matthew 25 Project had been inactive for about a year due to the DHS offices being closed and they had not called with a need, however they did call earlier this week with an immediate need for winter clothing and with a list for Spring and Summer items. So those will be taken care of soon. Parishioners will be seeing tags for clothing placed out within the next few weeks.

Election of New Council Chair: Father stated that 2 members were present who are eligible for Parish Council Chair; Jenna Beck and Aaron Cordell. After some discussion, Aaron Cordell volunteered. He was unanimously voted in as Council Chair. Vonda Blando will serve as secretary.

New Business:

No Report

Next meeting was set for April 29, 2021 in the McGurk Rm.

Father Carson gave members a blessing and meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.

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