

PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

September 12, 2020

Final

ATTENDEES: Michelle Serafin (Chair) Bob Flaherty (Vice Chair), Father Rozman, Rose Baker, Tony Devlin, Jennifer Erskine, Rudy Geisler, Dave Schmidt, Gary Scicchitano, Dave Sheranko, Mary Vukelich, Father Sahd, Ginny Duncan.

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Deacon Paruso, Sean Matthews, Bill Alward, Terri Rosenstein

MEETING MANAGEMENT: The meeting was held via the ZOOM video app and was conducted by Michelle Serafin. Minutes were taken and will be distributed by Barbara Talarico.

CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYERS/READINGS: Michelle Serafin called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. The opening readings from Scripture were read by Rose Baker.

Clergy and Senior Leadership Team updates: The Parish Life pulpit talk taking place the weekend of September 19/20 was first on the Agenda. The speakers will be Mary Vukelich, Tony Devlin, and Dave Sheranko. Michelle Serafin is authoring an accompanying ministry highlight of the Parish Advisory Council for bulletin inclusion that same weekend.

Our new visiting seminarian, Andrew Kappenhagen was not present at the meeting as he was attending the permanent diaconate ordination at Holy Name of Jesus Church. Father Rozman gave Council Members some background information on Andrew and promised to introduce him officially at the next meeting. Andrew will be with us through May of 2021. Father also announced that one of the new permanent deacons has been assigned to our church. His name will be announced at Masses. He will serve along with Deacon Paruso.

Due to the ongoing and serious nature of the pandemic, a different format will be followed this year by the Deanery for Advent Confessions. Confessions will be offered on the three Sundays before Christmas and it will be a different Parish every Sunday. Although still in the planning stages, Saint Joseph's intends to offer extended confession times on December 12th and December 19th.

Times for Christmas Masses are still being finalized but plans include six Masses and an overflow Mass. An Outdoor Mass is also being considered.

Father indicated that some clergy transfers will occur in October but that he did not think that our Parish was vulnerable this year. He mentioned that interviews for the Communications Coordinator position are still ongoing.

PAC ideas for serving the parish during the pandemic: The PAC continued its work on the five systems that they addressed at both the July and August meetings. With nothing further to add under the *Worship, Evangelization, and Discipleship* systems, the discussion turned to *Fellowship and Ministry*.

Council offered the following feedback under *Fellowship* which involved more homemade mask distribution in exchange for a "Random Act of Kindness", more greeters out on the sidewalks (Covid permitting), offering "Coffee and Donuts to Go" and a Food Truck festival sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

There is a newly forming Ministry entitled "Hospitality Card Ministry" cued up for October. However, there are still concerns over what to do for parishioners who do not have access to technology and Council Members were asked to give this area of interest continued thought.

There was a lengthy discussion under the *Ministry* system involving how Saint Joseph's could provide more services to Parish Members in need. This conversation will resume in October when leads from the Helping Hands and Parish Visitor Ministries will be present.

It was decided that Michelle Serafin will summarize and prioritize Council's work on the above referenced systems. After final review by Council, this will be handed off to the Senior Leadership Team for consideration.

New Business:

Reports were received about Audio cut out during live streams. This issue is being addressed by the Parish Manager.

The Respect Life Committee is trying to get a day to be in front of Planned Parenthood. October 17, 2020 is planned. The "40 days for Life" vigil runs from September 23 through November 1 and sign-ups are being sought.

Council Members were asked to read portions from the Catechism/This is Our Faith on Social Justice before the October meeting.

Closing Prayer: Father Rozman led the closing prayer.

Next Meeting Date: October 10, 2020.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:35 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Talarico