

PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

NOVEMBER 14, 2020

FINAL

ATTENDEES: Michelle Serafin (Chair) Bob Flaherty (Vice Chair), Father Rozman, Rose Baker, Jennifer Erskine, Rudy Geisler, Terri Rosenstein, Gary Scicchitano, Dave Sheranko, Mary Vukelich, Father Sahn, Deacon Paruso, Sean Matthews, Bill Alward, Andrew Kappenhagen, Tony Devlin, Issy Stence, Deacon Steven Auchey

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: David Schmidt, Ginny Stack

NEW MEMBERS: Deacon Steven Auchey and Reagan Issy Stence

NON -VOTING MEMBERS: Andrew Kappenhagen and Current Recording Secretary, Barbara Talarico

MEETING MANAGEMENT: The meeting was held via the ZOOM video app and was conducted by Michelle Serafin with Mary Vukelich serving as co-host. 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 9:03 a.m. The opening prayers and reflection from Scripture were selected and read by Rose Baker and Terri Rosenstein. Thoughts and intentions were expressed by various members of the Council.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Michelle Serafin and all members of the Council formally welcomed Deacon Steven Auchey and Reagan "Issy" Stence.

CLERGY/SLT UPDATES:

Holiday Schedule: Council Members were given a copy of the 2020 Holiday Season Schedule for their information. This schedule will be published in the bulletin. There are ten Masses scheduled for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day combined. A Communion Service is being considered for the Parish Life and Education Center in the event of an overflow. The marquis will include a reminder about the radio station that can be accessed in the parking lot.

SJAA Town Hall discussion: Father reiterated his desire to get the Athletic Association and parents of all young families to be more engaged in the Church. Several Council members expressed disappointment that his message was not taken by some SJAA parents in the spirit for which it was intended. Instead of recognizing that our athletic program is an opportunity to reach our youth, Father's message was viewed as a "hurdle" by some or a "veiled" threat of cancellation by the Dioceses or by the Church. Adding to Parish concerns is the need to keep our children physically safe from the pandemic, space limitations due to Covid 19 restrictions, and finances to run other needed programs.

Council Members made ten recommendations for consideration by the Senior Leadership Team.

"Winning them back" video discussion: Council Members held a discussion on a "Winning them Back" video that featured Jack Beers from Dynamic Catholic and Matthew Kelly.

Although Christmas would normally be a particularly good time to do some special efforts, it was agreed that Easter might be better given the current situation. Father Rozman announced that the Church will be giving out the book "I heard God Laugh" at Christmas, however, having a full choir and singing congregation is not feasible this year. The Knights of Columbus and another parishioner covered the cost of the books. Additional ideas were put forth by the Council and Senior Leadership will start looking at these suggestions.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Parish Advisory Council will be participating at Mass in January.

Father Rozman reported that our Parish was the recipient of a Parish Excellence Award for "Email Innovation during COVID" i.e. the "Constant Contact" emails. Our Church also received seven Honorable Mentions. These awards are sponsored by Unbound, a national organization recognized by the Diocese.

Meeting Adjourned at: 11:06 A.M. Father Rozman led the closing prayer.

Topics to be continued at future meetings:

- Serving our parishioners without technology
- Religious Education Program Improvements
- The Five Systems Document
- West Shore Pastor's Study: Budgeting for the needs of all.

Note:

Parish Advisory Council Meetings will continue via zoom until Covid 19 numbers are on the decrease.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Talarico