

PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

October 10, 2020

FINAL

ATTENDEES: Michelle Serafin (Chair) Bob Flaherty (Vice Chair), Father Rozman, Rose Baker, Jennifer Erskine, Rudy Geisler, Dave Schmidt, Gary Scicchitano, Dave Sheranko, Mary Vukelich, Father Sahd, Ginny Stack, Deacon Paruso, Sean Matthews, Bill Alward, Andrew Kappenhagen.

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Tony Devlin, Issy Stence, Deacon Steven Auchey

PARTIAL ATTENDANCE: Terri Rosenstein

NEW MEMBERS: Deacon Steven Auchey and Reagan Issy Stence

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

INVITED GUESTS: Linda Schneider from Helping Hands Ministry and Sharon Younes, Parish Visitor.

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 selected by Rose Baker and read by Terri Rosenstein. Several members expressed their personal intentions.

RELEVANT ACTION ITEMS FROM SEPTEMBER 2020 MEETING:

- The tent for possible rental and/or purchase for Christmas Outdoor Masses was between \$60K and \$90K. This item was determined to be cost prohibitive.
- A Communication Coordinator was hired. Her name is Reagan Isabella Stence and she will be addressed as "Issy".
- The "Sunday Supper on Simpson Ferry" on October 4, 2020 was deemed a success.
- Council Members continue to consider avenues to reach the Homebound and will be discussing them on a regular basis.
- Father Rozman reported on a carryover "Action Item" from August regarding virtual evangelization resources. Currently, our Alpha Program, Ascension Press's "The 99" and Formed's "The Search" are all available online.

WELCOME INPUT FROM OUR GUESTS:

Linda Schneider from Helping Hands ministry and Sharon Younes, our Parish Visitor, provided Council with detailed information about their Ministries so that Council could determine whether they could be expanded. This is so the Church might possibly include other services to homebound or elderly parishioners. This topic was given considerable discussion, but no final decisions have yet been rendered. Expansion of these programs would depend highly on having enough active volunteers. More deliberation will occur on this topic in the future.

CLERGY/SLT UPDATES:

Father Rozman announced permanent Deacon Steven Auchey and introduced Seminarian Andrew Kappenhagen. Welcome Deacon and Andrew!

Father Rozman held a conversation with Board members of the Athletic Association on September 26, 2020. Because of uncertainties about the coronavirus and his need to consider all Parish groups that would like to have in-person meetings, there will be a Town Hall with parents (in-person and live streamed) on Wednesday, October 28, 2020. Father expressed the desire to get the Athletic Association and parents of all young families to be more engaged in the Church. To this end, it was suggested that the Parish consider a Mass once a week expressly for young school families, inviting parents to a later meeting, and possibly holding a seminar for coaches. Father stated that the Council should strive to find a different way to reach out to *other* groups who also may need services. It was also suggested that the Council spend time in a future monthly meeting to further discuss the situation of such a small portion of our Parish population (2.7%) consuming such a large portion of the budget (30%) and to look at who else might be appropriate to invite to these discussions. Father informed us that this topic is part of the West Shore's Pastor's Study.

Socially distanced Confirmations will be held on October 11, 18, and 25th with approximately 50 to 60 confirmands.

Eucharistic Devotions will begin on November 1, 2020 but the guest homilist has been cancelled. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be at 2:00 P.M. with evening prayer and Benediction at 5:30 P.M. There will be a candlelight procession outside on the Simpson Street side of the campus with prayers for patients and staff at the FOX Center across the street. They will also be provided with some type of food gift or gift card.

All Souls' Day is November 2, 2020 and will include prayers at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery at approximately 10:00 A.M. The exact time will be announced.

Advent Confessions are Saturdays at 2:30 in the School with *extra* confessions to be offered on Saturday, December 12th and Saturday, December 19th. The Deanery is offering confessions on Sunday, December 6th, 13th, and 20th.

Starting on November 1, 2020, Sunday morning Mass will be moved to 8:00 A.M. This is in response to survey results showing two thirds of the respondents preferring this time slot.

The Christmas Mass schedule will include ten Masses with the classrooms in the Parish Life and Education Center being utilized for overflow. The *tentative* schedule is as follows: Christmas Eve Mass times are 2:00 pm, 2:15 pm (overflow), 4:00 pm and 4:15 p.m. (overflow) 6: 00p.m. 8:00p.m. and 10:00 p.m. There will be a candlelight vigil around the Gazebo in conjunction with the 8:00p.m. Mass. Christmas Day Masses are 9:00a.m. 9:15a.m (overflow) and 11a.m. REPEAT: THESE MASS TIMES ARE TENTATIVE!

Other:

The subject of reaching parishioners without technology continues to be of concern. It was suggested that our Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick provide a means of support in this regard particularly if there is a DVD player in the home. This will be a topic for review by the newly appointed Communications Coordinator at the appropriate time. The list of members without ANY type of technology is being updated. Two Council members have been tasked with finding out whether elder abuse

clearances are required and whether youth clearances are needed if there is a youth present in the home.

NEW BUSINESS:

More attention will be paid to the online Religious Education Program to alleviate student's "screen fatigue" and maximize student interaction.

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

Important Dates:

Next PAC Meeting Date: November 14, 2020

Ministry Leads' Meeting: November 21, 2020

Meeting Adjourned at: 11:00 A.M. Father Rozman led the closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Talarico