

SUMMARY OF VIRTUAL PARISH COUNCIL ADVISORY MEETING ON June 13, 2020

ATTENDEES: Father Rozman, Father Sahd, Deacon Paruso, Dave Schmidt (Chair), Michelle Serafin (Vice Chair), Gary Scicchitano, Dave Sheranko, Jen Erskine, Bill Alward, Rudy Geisler, Sean Matthews, Tony Devlin, Bob Flaherty, Mary Vukelich, Terri Rosenstein, Rose Baker. All Council Members in attendance. Seminarian Dan Kotsko was also in attendance. Non-Member Diane Maclay took minutes for the Council.

Meeting Management: The meeting was held via the zoom video app and was facilitated by the outgoing Chairperson, Dave Schmidt. He called the meeting to order with an opening prayer followed by personal intentions expressed by Council members. As it was his feast day, the prayer to St Anthony of Padua was also offered.

Action Items in Progress were discussed: In addition to the website, PAC Minutes will be posted to Facebook. PAC's purpose and description will appear in the bulletin and on the website periodically and a formal communication plan will be followed. The objective of this plan is to generate confidence and participation in Saint Joseph's strategic planning.

New Officers: Michelle Serafin has been elected to serve as Chairperson and Bob Flaherty as Vice Chair of the Parish Advisory Council. Appreciation was expressed to Dave Schmidt for his display of outstanding leadership in the past. Mrs. Serafin and Mr. Flaherty will be meeting with Senior Leadership to discuss transition.

Clergy and Senior Leadership Team Updates: Father Rozman discussed changes and new procedures that are in process due to the Church's move to the pandemic's "Green" phase. Confirmations will commence in October (66 Candidates) but they will be held over the course of four weeks and sanitation will take place after the "laying of hands" on each confirmand. The Baptism of 17 infants in our parish will be held in between the 10:00 and 12:30 Masses after sanitation has occurred. All CDC guidelines will be observed. Weekday Masses will remain online. Daily Mass will shift to 8:30 A.M. once school begins to accommodate student attendance which will be staggered over several days. A 6:30 A.M. Mass on Friday and an 8:30 A.M. Mass on Saturday will be added.¹

Parish Manager Rudy Geisler stated that weekend Masses are going well and that "live streaming" and radio transmission (95.5 FM) will continue. He requested that volunteers for sanitization sign up ahead of time if possible. A 6-7-person crew can clean the church in approximately 15 minutes. Future Masses could have a delay start if we do not have a sufficient number of helpers.

Live Streaming Update: Momentum Sound is the contractor for the new audio/video for the Church. Equipment installation is scheduled and the storage room in the choir loft will be the control room. Volunteers are needed to help operate the system and training will be provided. Once completed, live streaming from Brindle Hall will cease.

¹ As of 7/8/2020, it was decided that the daily Mass time will need to be 9 am Monday through Friday in order for the school to be involved. The Saturday morning Mass time is to be determined, and will not resume until we are able to livestream from the church.

Our school has experienced an influx of students from the suspended operation of Good Shepherd School in Camp Hill. Total enrollment is now 480 which is close to capacity.

Diocesan Bankruptcy Proceedings: At the Bishop's request, a letter will be included in the bulletin regarding these proceedings. And while Saint Joseph's contributions are stable, donations to the Diocesan Campaign are not. A possible relaunch is being considered.

Racism and Riots: Members of Council are reaching out to select Saint Joseph's Ministry Groups to discuss ideas for addressing the recent events and current unrest. The starting point for these discussions will be Church teaching.

Long Term Planning: Mary Vukelich reviewed the Five-Year planning process which is meant to move from "Vision" to "Goals". These goals will serve as building blocks for the five year plan. With the advent of Covid, different goals may arise, and new opportunities may be created. Senior Leadership will review.

Closing: The Council Members recited the Parish Prayer.

Next Meeting Date: July 11, 2020

Future Items: Planning in 2023 to commence for Parish 75th anniversary in 2025.