

## **December 13, 2020, Pastoral Council Summary**

**Opening prayer:** Jim Benson, Chairperson, and Scripture reading (Psalm 115:1)

Trish Fuller, guest, Chair of the **Education & Formation** Commission, shared the following items:

- That in-person Faith Formation classes have moved back online due to a rise in the area's COVID rates. In-person class meetings plan to resume in January;
- That not all the students have the necessary books; in a previous confirmation class she taught, there were only four books for sixteen students;
- That the Blessing of catechists on Catechesis Sunday be resumed.

### **Pastor's Update:**

- Father Mark reported that the bishop approved this year's Christmas vigil masses may begin as early as 1 pm on December 24.
- Plans are for six Christmas masses on the 24<sup>th</sup>, and two on the 25<sup>th</sup> (one in Spanish).

### **Community Ministries**

- *Angel Giving Tree* - with 70% fewer in-person parishioners, 860 tags were claimed, c/w 1417 tags last year.
- The members of the CARE team have been in the process of calling older parishioners to check on them during this time of isolation. Eighty have been called so far, and the feedback is positive about the outreach effort.
- *Food for Days* is looking for volunteers to help with food distribution to the Mooresville School System over the Christmas holiday break

### **Ecumenism**

- Chair and Liaison have requested a meeting with Fr. Mark to discuss their direction

### **Education & Formation**

- Meeting dates changed to the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month, due to scheduling conflicts
- A survey is planned for confirmation students asking for feedback regarding their retreat

### **Parish Life**

- *Scripture and Spirits* online session will be scheduled for January 12.

### **Evangelization/Communication and Latino Ministry**

- ECC Liaison position is open; awaits council's expansion for addition;
- Latino ministry Chair and Councilmember liaison positions remain vacant;
- Latino Coordinator, Lucy Cantellano, was hired a couple of weeks ago.

### **Stewardship**

- *God First* initiative is in process. Team members are working on logos, timeline, letters.

- The next class for the *Living Your Strengths* program will be January 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 pm. The contact person is Kristi Brawley. All Council members who have not taken the course, as well as new members now and going forward, were encouraged to do so.

#### **Finance Council**

- The offertory is a bit ahead of budget the past few weeks.
- Currently, there is \$180K in reserves; \$127K has been approved for 7 initiatives recommended by B&F, included are: Replacement of the doors on the administration and PLC buildings for safety/emergency egress purposes; installation of card readers on doors for security purposes; installation of new flooring in rooms 14, 16, and the nursery; repairs of the church HVAC and installation of programmable Wifi thermostats; replacement of stair treads in PLC; removal of and replacement of a section of the roof of the Day Chapel to solve an ongoing roof leak.

#### **Manager's Update:**

- Electronic votives have been installed.
- *Stephen Ministry* has had 12 people show interest in the fifty-hour training. The application/vetting process for them has begun.
- *Parish Pastoral Plan*  
George Cobb had asked for more specific details to be provided for action steps; thus PC member liaisons are to contact their commission chairs, to work with their members to do the following as soon as possible:
  - 1) solidify the mission statement for their commission;
  - 2) consider whether the steps in the action plan are doable;
  - 3) fill out Appendix 2 for years 2-5 (we are currently in year 1); and
  - 4) determine the finances needed for action plans.

#### **Old Business:**

- *Bylaws* completed. await full council member signatures for posting on the parish website
- Work on the PC member handbook continues.
- Three applications for council membership have been received; will be reviewed with Fr. Mark

#### **Open Forum Discussion**

- *Ministry Summit* – usually held in August, and with an agenda driven by the Stewardship Committee. The Stewardship Liaison will speak with that committee and report.
- Outdoor Christmas Holiday Decorating – Usually done by K of C. Chair will contact them about their plans.
- Cleaning of Church Exterior – difficult to keep up with power washing due to bird activity

Father Mark then closed the meeting with a prayer.