

Holy Family Catholic Church, Copperas Cove, TX

Pastoral Council Minutes, May 20, 2021

Present:

Fr. Patrick Ebner
Karin Kennedy
Alberto Castillo
Edith Natividad
Don Whittenberger
Joe Pangelinan
Robin Spencer

Absent:

Fred Williams
Pat Lippincott
Teresa Gorres

Meeting called to order at 4:04

Opening prayer by Fr. Patrick

Approval of minutes of last Parish Council Meeting, April 15, 2021 –

Time was given for all to read and suggestions corrections. Minutes were approved as submitted.

Old Business –

Fall Fest – preparations are in full swing. Meetings have begun with committee members, main prize in raffle is a \$10,000 vacation of your choice

Stained glass window update – Fr. Patrick is still waiting for the 3rd concept drawing to come in and be approved by the Bishop. He hopes to ask him when he is here for confirmation.

New Business –

We will have a new meeting time starting with the August 19 meeting, 6PM, so as to better accommodate those working and the addition of a youth group member to the council. It was suggested to get an 11th or 12th grader to volunteer and that they should be EIM trained.

Ministries are coming back with COVID protocols being lifted. Adoration in the church will be held each Thursday from 8AM – 8PM with people signed up for a dedicated hour each week. We will have a special adoration time held prior to Corpus Christi Sunday. Deacon will now begin possessing in with book of the Gospels this Sunday. Ministers are bringing Holy Communion to Stoney Brook. Father will check with the other two nursing homes in Cove to see if can begin this ministry up at their facilities and he will contact those ministers. Passing of the basket during the Offertory will begin in June.

Discussion at the Deanery meeting resulted in the priests of each parish in charge of setting new protocols within his parish.

Father asked each member if there were any questions/concerns.

Edith mentioned that fundraising will continue for attending World Youth Day in 2023.

Robin brought up concerns about the involvement/lack of ministry participation by our youth. Discussion ensued about numbers of families attending now. Father mentioned he is calling parishioners individually to invite them back to mass. We discussed starting a young adult group once more for the 20–40-year-old crowd. Discussion was held regarding having a youth mass once a month. Altar server training will be coming up to encourage new recruits to that ministry. It was suggested that we brainstorm together about how to best serve and encourage our youth and young families to attend/participate and have programs geared to them. Karin also mentioned about starting up Children's Church again at the 10:30 mass. Specifics will be ironed out at later meetings as members consider ideas and ways to best implement them.

We participated in a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 5:05.

Next meeting will be August, 19, 2021