

Minutes
Parish Pastoral Council
November 24, 2020, 6 p.m. Via Zoom

Attendance: Dorothy Schroeder, chair; Emily Jones, Carmen Amato, Lillian Oliver, Kathy Rupinen, Paul Sommerfield, Ryan Watts, Midelvía Leon, Mary Beth Robsen, Kathy Peters, Raquel Maria Valles Ruiz, Father Charles Howell, pastor.

Opening Prayer by Lillian Oliver - Prayer of St. Francis

Old Business

- Minutes of October 24, 2020 meeting approved via email and posted on GSCC website.
- What is the status of the Ad-hoc committee of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan? The committee has not met since the last PPC meeting.
- Father Charles asked if there is an archive of PPC minutes. The minutes are forwarded to Stephanie Sims for posting on the church website each month. Minutes could be printed and a hard copy saved if desired, or archived electronically.

New Business

- The new Picture Directory is available.
- The effort to call parishioners has begun. Dorothy reported that her calls have been successful. Parishioners have asked for the new directory and to be included in Flocknotes.
 - Father asked if Spanish speaking parishioners are being called. Raquel will find out from the Hispanic Committee and she volunteered to make calls.
- Simeon Davies has resigned from the PPC. Mary Beth Robson is the only liaison to the Peace and Justice committee. Mary Beth reported that she has been in contact with the committee, but that most activities were halted for now.
- Christmas give away books have arrived. PPC members will volunteer to oversee distribution of books at Christmas Masses. Carmen will e-mail PPC members and ask for volunteers. Volunteers so far: Christmas Eve at 4 p.m. - Raquel; Midnight Mass - Carmen; Christmas Day at 9 a.m. - Kathy Peters. Dorothy suggested recruiting youth volunteers. The books will be displayed on tables for people to pick up to avoid contact.
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Masses - Bishop John Stowe will celebrate an outdoor mass at Cardome on December 12. At Good Shepherd, there will be a Rosary at 10:15 p.m. on December 11 with Mass beginning at 11 p.m. There will be no

mananitas or food with any of the celebrations this year. Any overflow crowd will be seated in the PLC with a live stream on the big screen. The Good Shepherd community is joining in an on-line Novena.

- Calendars will be distributed after Christmas.

Pastoral Leadership Comments - Father Charles

- All are asked to refer anyone with sacramental needs (anointing of the sick, last rites) to the office so Father can make contact. Carebound receiving visits must wear masks and sanitize..
 - Dorothy asked for a list to be developed of parishioners who are isolating due to Covid, but not already on the regular carebound call list.
 - No ad-hoc Covid council has been convened.
- New phones have been installed and are operational. Parish phone numbers are the same, but extension numbers have changed.
- The next debt reduction campaign “Our Parish in Progress” will begin soon. Father will be contacting lead gift donors before the parish wide campaign begins. Staff is working with Russ Hatter to compile historical photos that show Good Shepherd’s history and growth. Photos will be displayed online and on site.
- Our Diocesan Annual Appeal goal is \$65,000 and we have \$57,000 in pledges so far. PPC members were urged to pledge if they haven’t already.
- Mike Stone will be leading the marketing plan called “The Message.” The goal is to begin this effort in January.
- Father asked the PPC to inform him of joys and concerns. These included:
 - Thanks to GSCS for collecting over 5,000 items for St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. Kathy Rupinen reported that Serve Kentucky will feature the food drive on their website. Recognized Emily Jones and Ben Loftus for their leadership.
 - Thanks to GSCS faculty for continuing instruction and following stringent health guidelines. Ryan Watts and Carmen Amato expressed concern that our school is required to teach virtually through the Governor’s order despite adhering to health guidelines and experiencing zero outbreak. Asked members to consider the costs of shutting down in-person instruction, while still taking health guidelines seriously.
 - Dorothy asked Father to make more YouTube short videos.

PPC Prayer Intentions for December and January

For our country, as our President is inaugurated on January 20th and new local, state and national leaders take office. We pray that God will guide our country to be a light for the world.

For an end to the Covid-19 pandemic. That a vaccine will be effective and available soon. For healing and health.

In recognition of the January 22 Day of Prayer for the Protection of Unborn Children, we pray for mothers, especially those experiencing crisis pregnancies. May their eyes, minds and hearts be open to life-giving options, including assistance with parenting or adoption.

For families experiencing sadness and disappointment due to not gathering with loved ones for Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. May absence make their hearts grow fonder and result in stronger and lasting family ties in years to come.

In recognition of the International Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25, we humbly pray for God's mercy on His people who are divided in many ways, and for the Holy Spirit to unite us in love.

In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, January 21, we give thanks for the life and witness of Dr. King and pray that his dream of justice and equality will be embraced and lived out by all people.

We recognize that our Parish communities are disrupted due to the response to Covid 19: Sunday Mass, daily mass, committee meetings, prayer groups, youth group, study groups, Religious Education, RCIA, Good Shepherd Catholic School. We pray for serenity to accept disruptions when we should; courage to resist disruptions when we should; and wisdom to know the difference.

Next meeting: January 26 at 6 p.m.

Opening prayer: Kathy Rupinen