

Minutes
Parish Pastoral Council
January 26, 2021, 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, Elizabeth Valladares, Betty Gibson, Preston Pearl, Wyatt Flick, Father Charles Howell, pastor.

Opening Prayer by Lillian Oliver - Prayer of St. Francis

Old Business

- Minutes of November 24, 2020 meeting approved via email and posted on GSCC website.

New Business

- Calls are being made to all parishioners. The effort is on-going. Discussed informing parishioners about the availability of the Covid-19 vaccine, and how to make appointments without a computer. Father has directed Kevin O'neil to include that information in the parish bulletin. Members reported that people can make appointments at the Franklin County Health Department and at Kroger Field by telephone. The number for Kroger Field is 859-218-0111. Discussed feasibility of enlisting youth or others to assist in making appointments or providing transportation
- Paul Sommerfield and Kathy Rupinen will lead the effort to recruit new PPC members. Terms are ending for Jeanne Baldwin and Lillian Oliver, and Simeon Davies has resigned from the PPC. The PPC may have up to 16 members. Chairman Dorothy suggested beginning recruitment in April and having nominations by June.
- There were many books left over from the Christmas book giveaway. Laura Hack is responsible for distributing the extra books. Suggestions: donate the Spanish copies to the St. Juan Diego Hispanic Center, donate copies to King's Daughters Apartments, Access Soup Kitchen, and the Franklin County Jail. Emily Jones reminded that there was discussion that Good Shepherd School families would receive a book. Kathy Peters will discuss book distribution with Laura.
- Former parishioner Simon Holden has professed vows at St. Meinrad. He is known as Brother Peter. Congratulations and blessings to Simon and his family.
- Committee Liaison Reports:

- Add to the Evangelization Report - 9 anointings, 3 baptisms, 34 confessions, 1 entered into full communion through RCIA, 5 weddings scheduled
- Asked if there was any information on how many have left the parish. When was the last census? Father reported that GS completed a census last year and that the parish has decreased since the last census. The parish had 56 funerals in 2019. Discussed other possible reasons for decrease. Ryan Watts reminded that the Stewardship Council has been involved in reaching out to parishioners. Asked if we know how many people are participating in live-streamed Mass. Asked about the Mass attendance chart in the Evangelization report (note - the headings on the attendance chart were left off the report. The report includes the date, week number, vigil mass attendance, 9:30 a.m. attendance, and 4 p.m. attendance. Numbers in red are estimates if actual attendance was not recorded). Father reported that contributions to the parish are still coming in, even with the pandemic.
- Add to Faith Formation - Bishop Baron's Lent Reflection Booklets will be distributed February 13 and 14. This is permissible under current Covid guidelines since books will be taken out and not shared.

Pastoral Leadership Comments - Father Charles

- Spring Cleaning and decluttering is needed on campus.
- Father is considering a communal penance service. Good Shepherd can accommodate 5 priests with proper social distancing. Other Covid guidelines would be observed. No objections from PPC members.
- Ash Wednesday will be February 17 at 8:15 a.m., noon and 6:30 p.m. Services will follow Covid guidelines. Ashes will be sprinkled in the hair instead of imposed on the forehead. Ushers will prepare for extra attendance.
- The parish marketing/messaging "The Message" effort led by Mike Stone has not yet begun due to Mike's unavailability. Will begin when Mike is available.
- The parish budget is being prepared.
- Father will forward addresses for parishioners Rita Brothers, Leroy Spaulding and Al Stoeckle. Cards would be appreciated.
- January 29, 8:30 - noon is a virtual youth mass and rally for the annual March for Life.
- Father expects his new assignment to begin July 1.

PPC Prayer Intentions for February

- For our country and community, that all people will follow Jesus's commandment to love one another.
- For an end to the Covid-19 pandemic, and that the new vaccines will prove effective.
- For our parish community, that the annual Parish Gala will invigorate, enliven and raise necessary funds for our school and programs.
- That all will experience true repentance, healing, and a deepening of their spiritual lives during Lent.
- For our catechumens and candidates, that they will persevere and find joy in their journeys towards baptism and full communion with the Roman Catholic Church.

Closing prayer by Lilian Oliver

Next meeting: February 23 at 6 p.m.

Opening prayer: Ryan Watts