

PPC meeting by Zoom 2-23-2021

Attendance: Dorothy Schroeder, Betty Gibson, Jeanne Baldwin, Emily Jones, Father Charles Howell, Kathy Peters, Kathy Rupinen, Paul Sommerfield, Ryan Watts, Mary Beth Robson, Carmen Amato

Opening Prayer Ryan Watts

Old Business: January 26 2021 minutes approved by email and posted on GSC website.

New Business:

1. Some parishioners are still contacting other parishioners. Almost finished
2. Nominations Committee: Paul reported still in process of identifying potential candidates, and working on advertisements. Kevin is looking for an old ad for the bulletin.
3. Concerns and Suggestions—none reported or discussed
4. Committee reports:
 - a. Finance Council. Has been routinely meeting. There are no real concerns with the church financial status. The school has some challenges. Council has put together some action steps for the school. Carmen noted that Kroger has donated \$9015.86 to the school in 2020 based on parishioners' purchases.
 - b. Parish Life. There has been no activity.
 - c. Youth: Katherine Coleman has submitted a detailed report on the activity of the Youth program. One recommendation is to have a "Bowling night" in March with PPC members pairing up with the youth. Carmen will pass on the dates, etc. Youth are leading the Stations of the Cross on March 6.
 - d. Peace and Justice: Mary Beth has called Steve Mims about St. Vincent activity. They have given out numerous food boxes and money to support people. The need to re-organize this committee and its many ministries was stressed.
 - e. Faith Formation: Kathy Peters reported that they are planning the 33 day Consecration to St. Joseph using the book *Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father* by Donald H. Calloway, MIC. Discussion groups will meet weekly via Zoom starting the last week of March, with Consecration Day on May 1. The committee is recruiting group leaders and suggested groups could be available for couples, youth, men or other interest groups.
 - f. Spiritual Life—Father Charles noted that the upcoming Lenten services include the Penance Service. Ash Wednesday ashes were done differently (on top of head).

Dorothy will contact Laura for the email and addresses of the 3 elect individuals and will forward those to the PPC members. Each member will contact those individuals to welcome them to GSC.

- g. Stewardship: They have discussed opportunities to volunteer for the church. With Covid, they felt that we are treading on “thin ice” to get volunteers. Discussed that taking temperature maybe we could use 1 person instead of 2. There may be a line. However, couldn’t the 1 person use 2 thermometers at a time?
- h. There are 5 wedding scheduled. The wedding pamphlet has been revised and now includes an insert which explains Covid protocols for weddings.
- i. Christmas Book giveaway—Emily had gotten the books for the school parents, but still many left. Laura is responsible to giving them out.

5. Paster’s report:

- 1. Spring cleaning is underway and waiting for The Christmas books to be moved and Dcn. Tom Synder to have input.
- 2. Sacrament of Healing: was offered after Mass February 13 and 14. Had a second priest help. Father will offer the Sacrament of Healing in homes when asked as long as Covid guidelines are honored.
- 3. Communal Penance service is March 18 and so far have 5 priests.
- 4. Parish Budget: Finance Council has oversight and the PPC could review if desired. The parish budget is pretty much completed. Still working on the school budget.
- 5. Parish debt reduction: people are responding very well.
- 6. Diocesan Annual Appeal: We went over our goal of \$65,000. Collected \$73,000
- 7. Gala results: raised \$30,000. Thanks to Stephanie and Emily Jones and other volunteers.
- 8. Fish Fry has been cancelled for Lent due to Covid. Possibly could host a fish fry in August to welcome new pastor.

6. Prayer Intentions for March

- a. For people experiencing religious persecution, including denial of the right to worship freely, that they may exercise their right and duty to offer thanks and praise to the Lord.
- b. For the RCIA elect, that they will be strengthened in their vocation as they continue their journey toward baptism and full communion.
- c. For an abundance of helpers who enable worship, Christian education and fellowship to continue during the pandemic. May the Holy Spirit prompt many to share their time and talent.
- d. For our parish, that candidates will come forward to fill vacancies on the Parish Pastoral and School Councils.
- e. That all who need the Covid vaccine may be able to receive it.

7. Volunteer for opening March meeting: Kathy Rupinen
8. Father Charles lead the closing prayer and adjourned.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.