

Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis

Minutes of the Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: July 28, 2020

Members Present: Father Tony Fernando, Loren Kramer, Dan DeCrans and Jeanette Goehring

Members Absent: Jeannie Thompson and Kevin Lindow

1. **Opened the meeting with prayer.**

2. **Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting** – Minutes currently not available.

3. Reports

3.1 Pastor's Report on Sacramental Celebrations at the Church after COVID-19. Several of the celebrations that had been planned did not take place because of the closure of the churches and the restrictions of the churches when they were able to be reopened.

4. New Business

4.1 Suggestions for bringing back the community to worship again in the Church. It was discussed that people have become comfortable in staying at home watching mass on television and the computer and listening to it on the radio. Because of this we need to think of a plan to bring our community back to church. At this time Father Tony indicated that we would probably continue having the Sunday mass on the radio until Labor Day. The cost is \$100.00 each time but people have been stepping up and sponsoring each Sunday. Dan DeCrans presented a program "Marian Prayer Program" which the Knights of Columbus have at this time. A suggestion was made to have it when the Knights have their meetings.

4.2 Postponed summer programs "Growing as Missionary Disciples" and "Diaconate Promotion". The "Diaconate Promotion" could be done at any time and it was suggested we continue the "Growing as Missionary Disciples" during the Lenten Season.

4.3 Suggestions for Liturgical Ministers Training at Our Lady of the Pines Church. It was decided to postpone until next summer of 2021.

4.4 and 4.5 Preparations & Celebration of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. All of this depends on the opening of school and if the things needed can be completed by the scheduled dates. Holy Communion is scheduled for September 27, 2020 and Confirmation will be October 25, 2020.

4.6 Parish Day Celebrations – Our Lady of the Pines scheduled for September 13, 2020. At this time, the Celebration of the Liturgy will still take place but there will be no meal.

4.7 Thank you to Dan DeCrans who completes his Term in the Parish Council. Father Tony and members of the council thanked Dan DeCrans for his service on the Parish Pastoral Council. We will need to be filling this position.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Respectfully Submitted By:
Jeanette Goehring