**St. Gregory the Great**

**Pastoral Parish Council Meeting Minutes**

**March 9, 2021**

**Present**: Fr. Todd Budde, Barb Wilk, Jack Kelly, Eileen Lipinski, Joey Kovnesky, Yolande Lasky, Jeff Senn, Donna Higgins, Lauran Vetuschi, Jackie Konkol and Patti Penkalski

**Excused**: Chris Hodges

The council meeting started at 7:00 p.m.

The Pastoral Council began with prayer.

Minutes from the February 9, 2021 meeting were approved.

The Council then looked at Council Leadership and Commission liaison roles. The following was unanimously agreed upon:

**Father Todd**:

Parish attendance has been increasing. We will be celebrating Holy Week following the directives that were received from the Archdiocese.

The parish has ordered the Easter book entitled “The Gift of Sunday.” Books will be available in the kiosks on Easter weekend.

Missions were held last week--both virtually and online. Some of the presentations are still available online.

The Archbishop will be restarting the capital campaign. More to come.

Due to extenuating circumstances (COVID), we will postpone discernment for Parish Council. Father Todd has asked all members to serve one additional year.

**Patti Penkalski:**

Financials were circulated prior to the meeting for review. Patti prepared some notes regarding the following:

* Round 2 of Payroll Protection has been received which will help offset the budget deficit.
* The 2021-2022 school budget has been set.

*Upcoming Projects:*

* The sound system in the church needs to be upgraded. The parish has received a donation for a portion of the cost.
* The current telephone system will become obsolete in October.
* Replacing the signage on Oklahoma Avenue--the sign would be replaced with an electronic sign. The parish has received some unrestricted donations to offset the cost.
* The payroll/human resources systems will be upgraded. The portal will provide services that will create efficiencies in the school and office.

**Michelle Zakula:**

A volunteer has come forward to live stream the Easter Vigil via Zoom.

Stations of the Cross with Mary are available for viewing on the St. Greg’s website.

Next month the Parish Council will write a personal message on Easter postcards that will be sent to our parishioners.

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The Deanery meeting will be held on April 28, 2021. Jackie Konkol and Yolande Lasky will attend.

**Closing:**

The meeting closed with prayer and adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

The next Pastoral Parish Council meeting will be held on May 11, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Lauran Vetuschi, Secretary

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**Commission Reports**

The Parish Council Meeting will be held on April 13, 2021.. The following are Commission minutes/notes that were provided to me from a representative of the Commission.

**Finance:** Barb Wilk and Chris Hodges

Patti Penkalski has circulated financials for review and further discussion at the April meeting.

**Liturgy/Worship:** Lauran Vetuschi

Please see attached minutes from the March 23, 2021 meeting.

**Human Concerns:** Michelle Zakula and Eileen Lipinski

*Pastoral Care*: Homebound visits with communion have resumed and The Gift of Sunday books were mailed to all those who are homebound and receive the bulletin. The 4th grade class made springtime "Robin Cards" for the homebound as well.

*Human Concerns*: The bulletin contains all recent activity from SVDP. The Gathering will have St. Greg's serve a meal in April--only 5 volunteers were allowed due to COVID-19. The Human Concerns Commission will meet within the next month to continue planning for the upcoming year.

The Women's Ministry group (Growing in Grace) is doing a Spring Outreach Project for Children's Hospital. We are filling their Toy Closet with books and activities. These gifts are for children who are going through hard procedures and/or having hospital stays. We are grateful to be a part of this project.

**Stewardship and Community Building:**  Joey Kovnesky and Jackie Konkol

Stewardship will be meeting at 6:00 on April 13, 2021. A brief overview will be provided at the Council meeting.

**Evangelization/Formation:** Jack Kelly

Children’s Liturgy of the Word was held on Palm Sunday.

The Wisconsin Catholic YouthRally was held on March 13 (virtually). St. Gregs had nine participants.

Confirmation will be held on May 1st. First Communion will be the weekend of April 24th/25th.

**School**: Yolande Lasky

The School Commission met on March 16, 2021.

*Principal’s Report*

* Enrollment as of March 16 is 123 students. There are 35 enrollment packets in progress.
* Letters of intent have been sent to the staff and should be returned by March 26.
* A school garden is in the planning stages. It will be located on the East side of the building. Funding for the project will be from the Title 4 Program.
* The possibility of having the YMCA run an After School Program in our school is being explored. All aspects of the program would be run by the YMCA. More information will be forthcoming as it is available.
* Graduation will be held on June 9th. There will be a Mass and distribution of the diplomas. Each graduate will be permitted 2 guests.
* Students in grades 3-8 will take the state Forward Exams.

*Old Business*

* Efforts in developing the Marketing Plan continue. It was suggested that joint efforts to promote the parish and school together would be beneficial to both.

**Minutes from Liturgy Commission Meeting held on March 23, 2021**

**Present:** Randy Green, Mike Stewart, Jo Therese Fahres, Kim KItzke,

 Lauren Vetuschi, Charlotte Villwock and Cindy Bremeier

Committee met via ZOOM at 6:30 pm. Meeting began with a prayer led by Cindy

**Vaccines:** everyone on the committee has had at least one dose of the vaccine as of our meeting date

**Mass Attendance numbers for the past couple of months:**

Cindy shared the Mass attendance numbers for January – March 21.

The committee was pleased with the increase in attendance. Discussed that as more persons were vaccinated, they were hopeful people would feel comfortable coming back to Mass.

Committee felt people wanted to be at Mass, but are just not comfortable yet. Many people have health issues so they need to be more careful.

**Holy Week Schedule:**

Cindy shared the Holy Week Schedule, and also shared that the Vigil would be live streamed via ZOOM,

**Booklet: “Living the Gift of Sunday”:**

The committee was sent a link to the Booklet: Living the Gift of Sundays. They thought it would be worth sharing with the parish.

Supported giving it during the Easter Season. They will be in the kiosks and people invited to take a copy.

**Pastoral Council Commission planning sheet:**

1. **Discuss ideas for purpose of the Commission**

Discussion ensued:

A couple ideas were shared and discussed.

We will try to finalize at our next meeting.

Members were invited/encouraged to share ideas to consider with the committee members via email. A couple members emailed ideas to Cindy who forwarded to other committee members.

1. **Discuss Goals for 2021-2020**

More discussion at next meeting

**Charlotte update:**

Charlotte shared with the committee that she will be having hip replacement surgery April 12.

She also shared she will retire June 30, 2021

**Other:** we discussed how inspiring the décor was for Lent, and what a good idea it was to use our own worship space as the bulletin cover.

**Next meeting:**

Next meeting will be April 27 at 6:30 via ZOOM