

**St. Gregory the Great**  
**Pastoral Parish Council Meeting Minutes**  
**April 13, 2021**

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

**Excused:** Jackie Konkol and Patti Penkalski

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

The Pastoral Council began with prayer.

Minutes from the March 9, 2021 meeting were approved.

**Father Todd:**

Father noted that the Easter environment was very pretty and that attendance has been increasing. Easter numbers are noted below:

Palm Sunday at 4:00 - 116

Palm Sunday - 168

Holy Thursday - 90

Good Friday - 89

Holy Saturday - 101 (with 11 by Zoom)

Easter Sunday - 168

Jay Unora, festival chairperson, spoke to Council regarding the possibility of a 2021 Festival. He requested that Council incorporate monies into the budget and would like to move forward with submitting the plan to the City. In addition, he did remind Council that the church will need to renew their liquor license. Jay answered the questions/addressed the concerns of Council members and left the meeting. Brief discussion regarding the festival ensued.

**Patti Penkalski:**

Financials were circulated prior to the meeting for review.

**Michelle Zakula:**

Easter cards were being signed by Council members will be mailed the following week.

Stewardship is moving with a Flocknotes program. Flocknotes is a messaging system where the Parish can send texts and emails directly to the members. Council members are part of a "test" group and subscribed that evening. More to come on this program.

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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 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Lauran Vetuschi, Secretary

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**Commission Notes/ Reports**

The Parish Council Meeting will be held on May 11, 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 May meeting.

**Liturgy/Worship:** Lauran Vetuschi

Liturgy/Worship met via Zoom on April 27, 2021. The Commission has drafted their Purpose of Commission statement to be provided to Father Todd. They identified and discussed the areas of strength and weakness in their ministry. It was decided by the Commission that SMART goals will be discussed in further detail at our next meeting. Many of the goals would be centered around participation and attendance. With COVID protocols still in place, it is difficult to make the goals specific.

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

*Pastoral Care:* Visits to the homebound have begun. The 4th graders made very cute cars for the homebound with robins on the front. We have lost many charter members in the past 6 months. Please pray for those charter members who remain with us.

*Human Concerns:* Ministries continue as usual. There are SVdP reports in the weekly bulletin.

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

Stewardship met at 6:00 on April 13, 2021. A brief overview was provided at the Council meeting for review and discussion. Topics included the newly updated website, Easter postcards, and the rollout of Flocknotes. Stewardship has also been brainstorming new ideas.

**Evangelization/Formation:** Jack Kelly

First Communion took place on April 24th/25th with 15 children participating. Next year First Communion will take place the weekend of April 30/May1.

Confirmation took place on May 1st with 4 young adults participating. The Mass was hosted by Our Lady of Lourdes. Next year Confirmation will take place on May 22 at St. Greg's.

The final Lighthouse class was held on May 2nd. Registration forms for next fall will be sent the week of May 10th. The schedule is tentative as they are coordinating with other Parish events.

The Faith Commission will meet via Zoom on May 13th.

A baptism was held on April 25th.

**School:** Yolande Lasky

The School Commission met on April 20, 2021.

#### *Upcoming Events*

- The school is currently giving the State Forward Exams.

#### *Principal's Report*

- There are 149 students registered.
- The digital marketing program continues and includes a virtual open house.
- Flyers are available and will be distributed in the appropriate demographic areas.
- Interviews will take place for a phy ed and music teacher. Lisa Bayer is retiring at the end of the school year.

#### *New Business*

- School Commission members will participate in a self assessment survey in May with the results to be discussed at the June meeting.
- An "Annual School Status Report" was provided.

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

**Present:** Randy Green, Mike Stewart, Jo Therese Fahres, Kim Kitzke, Lauren Vetusch, Charlotte Villwock and Cindy Bremer

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.

### **2. 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