**St. Gregory the Great**

**Pastoral Parish Council Meeting Minutes**

**February 9, 2021**

**Present**: Fr. Todd Budde, Michelle Zakula, Eileen Lipinski, Jack Kelly, Jeff Senn, Chris Hodges, Jackie Konkol, Joey Kovnesky, Patti Penkalski, Donna Higgins and Lauran Vetuschi

**Excused**: Yolande Lasky and Barb Wilk

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

The Pastoral Council began with prayer.

Minutes from the January 12, 2021 meeting were approved.

**Father Todd**:

Father Todd is preparing for Lent.

We are currently in Phase 2 of the Catholic Comeback. At this time, it does not look like we will be able to hold our annual Parish festival. More to come.

Mass attendance numbers remain consistent.

Charlotte Villwock, our musical liturgist, will be retiring at the end of the fiscal year.

**Patti Penkalski/Financials**

Patti circulated the financial statements for Council review. Patti will be submitting an application to the payroll protection program.

Budget discussions continue.

Enrollment for next school year has opened.

**Michelle Zakula**

Michelle shared the Lenten Purple Ribbon project. The project focuses on “When the dawn of Easter arrives what will be resurrected or made new in me?” Purple ribbons should be tied in a location to serve as a reminder of Lent and the journey to resurrection. Pictures will be shared on the Parish Facebook page and in the weekly bulletin.

A brief discussion ensued regarding returning to Sunday Mass and the theme of “community.” Some ideas were shares amongst the council. More to come.

Commission reports are attached.

The next Deanery meeting is April 28, 2021.

**Closing:**

Council closed with prayer and adjourned.

The next Pastoral Parish Council meeting will be held on March 9, 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 March 9, 2021. The following are Commission minutes were provided from a representative of the Commission.

**Finance:** Jeff Senn and Barb Wilk

Patti Penkalski will circulate financials for review and discussion at the March meeting.

**Liturgy/Worship:** Lauran Vetuschi

Liturgy and Worship will meet on March 23, 2021.

**School**: Yolande Lasky

School Commission Meeting Notes - February 16, 2021

Note:  This meeting was held with Zoom, as due to Covid, the school building was 'off limits' to the participants.

*Principal's Report*

\*Due to the number of Covid cases reported in the school, the building will be closed until March 1st.  The students will be engaged in the Virtual Learning Program during the closure.

\*The school budget is in the process of being completed.  Staffing and other programs will be reviewed for next year.  Anticipated enrollment will drive many of these decisions.  Amy Schlegel and Greg Krostag ( a member of the School Commission) will meet with the Finance Committee in March to discuss the budget.

There is a Virtual Open House on the school website.  It has been developed as part of the Marketing Plan.  In addition, other marketing activities are being considered.  Funding for the Marketing Program will determine the options available to the school.

The next Commission Meeting will be on March 16th.

**Human Concerns:** Michelle Zakula

Pastoral Care--The Sunshine Club has gained new members to send cards to homebound/sick/recovering parishioners.  A complete database of card-writers and card-receivers has been created so that we can see who might still need cards etc.  Thanks to Barbi Freuck for this massive undertaking!

We recently collected over 100 cards for parishioner Rose Cook's 100th birthday!  The school completed projects for Rose as well.  All was delivered to her on a snowy Tuesday in March and she was overwhelmed and delighted (and shocked!).

Justice and Charity--Please see bulletin for SVDP updates.  The Gathering Meal Site is up and running and St. Greg's will serve on April 17th.  Only five volunteers are allowed with strict COVID protocols.

The Human Concerns Commission will plan to meet again after Easter to begin some goal setting for the upcoming year.

**Stewardship and Community Building**

Michelle has been asked to temporarily take on Stewardship commission.  She will continue to work with Joey and Jackie through this fiscal year (July 1).

The commission produced a "We Miss You" video that included staff holding signs about what they most missed during this pandemic time.  Joey set the video to music and added captions.  It turned out great and has gotten great feedback and involvement online.

The commission is now looking at completing the Stewardship area of the website and has begun a "jamboard" via google to post ideas and parish websites that inspire them.  Completion of this project is expected in the next 4-6 weeks.

A parish-wide email system is being explored so that items can be 'real time' emailed to parishioners with valid email addresses.  Upcoming stewardship letters will ask parishioners to update their emails with the parish for this purpose.

Other goals are on the horizon and the commission is very excited to continue to explore it together.

**Christian Formation**

The past month the Faith at Home on the website has been taking place. Activities include doing the Saint of the Week and Children's Liturgy of the Word.

The Lighthouse session is working better using Zoom.

Sacramental preparation is continuing with the help of Deacon Jim. Currently there are 16 children preparing for First Communion.

Confirmation preparation continues, which included an all-day retreat that took place February 27 in the Great Room.

The Wisconsin Catholic Youth Rally will be held March 13. St Greg participants will gather in Tenpenny Hall, a lunch will be provided and then go on screen.

The first meeting of the Faith Formation Commission took place on Tuesday, February 23rd with 5 participants. Meetings will take place quarterly.

\*The commission covers Religious Education, Youth, ARISE, RCIA, Adult Formation, Christian Women and Sacramental preparation.

\*A purpose statement will be drafted.

\*A calendar will be developed.

\*Review of areas of strength

\*Religious Education which had 38 students last year and 34 this year

\*ARISE program centered at St Gregs and running for over 60 years

\*Women's Ministry

\*Welcoming at Mass

\*Ministries for all ages

\*Several ministries that perform good works

\*Review of areas of weakness

\*RCIA, no one presently in it

\*A number of parents of school children who are not parish members and do not go to mass here.