**St. Martin of Tours Parish**

**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes: May 27th, 7pm – Lab**

**Mission Statement**

St. Martin of Tours Parish strives to be a vibrant, welcoming, Roman Catholic Community, and to accept the call and challenge of Jesus through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We commit ourselves to the Word of God through Eucharistic worship, lifelong Catholic education and formation, and works of justice and stewardship. We further strive to follow the example of our patron saint, Martin of Tours, to proclaim the kingdom of God through our generosity, love and service to one another and our neighbors.

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| **Members** | **Present (Y / N )** | **Members** | **Present (Y / N )** |
| Fr. Terry Langley, SCJ (Pastor-ex officio) | Y | Rosemary Karnowski (Secretary)  (Human Concerns) | Y |
| Ken Keefer (Chairperson) | Y | Tom Van Handel  (Worship) | Y |
| Patti Pluta (Vice-Chairperson)  (APC Rep) | Y | Joyce Schlachter  (Formation) | Y |
| Char Goehring | Y | John Howard  (Finance) | Y |
| Paul Rotzenberg  (Stewardship) | Y | Bob Mihm (Trustee ex officio) | Y |
| Tien Pham – Vietnamese Rep | Y | Dave Flynn (Trustee ex officio) | Y |
| Fr. Joseph Quang Tran, SCJ (Associate Pastor ex officio) | Y |  |  |

**Unable to Attend**: None

**Opening Prayer:** Meeting called to order with prayer by Ken Keefer at 7:03 p.m.

**Guests Present:** David Vanness

**Parish Community Comments:** Good news: people are happy to be here and doing well.

**Approval of Minutes:** Bob Mihm moved to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2020 meeting (seconded by Patti Pluta). Motion carried.

**Pastor’s Report:**

It has been a quiet month and Father Terry is worried about our contributions. Church reductions are inevitable as contributions are about 45-50% of what are customary. He said that we need to make sure minutes are updated on the parish website and that donations need to be included in the bulletin so parishioners are aware that donations are down. Father says Mass every day and presided over six funerals during the past few months.

Father was approached by a salesperson who is interested in providing texts (books, videos, etc.) for our parishioners. Father will provide the committee members with the link for perusal, and members will offer feedback to determine if this is a worthwhile service to purchase.

**Parish Committee Reports:**

* Formation: No update. Father said that materials have been sent to parents for students. First Communion and Confirmation will be held later this year.
* Stewardship: Mike Karolewicz said that the community is responding to the request for Hot Rod funds. He would like to see the Hot Rod results posted in the bulletin so he can create additional messaging for Hot Rod. Additionally, a mask supplier has contacted him about having masks available for parishioners.
* Worship: Father spoke about upcoming Mass planning and anticipation of low attendance and provided an explanation of how social distancing will be accomplished: cushions have been removed from pews, part of the church is blocked off, all books have been removed, no paper bulletins, and communion will only be provided by the priest.
* Human Concerns: No update.

**Finance Committee Update:**

* April 2020 Financial Reports and Comment

David Vanness from the parish Finance Council came to speak regarding the status of the parish. He spoke for 15 minutes on the importance of getting our revenue up because over the past 5 years our income has dropped off sharper than the number of people attending church. He recommended the book, *Rebuilt*, by Michael White and Tom Corcoran to give some ideas to attract people to the church.

**April 2020 Financial Reports and Comments**

Reports previously provided to the members are incorporated herein by reference.

Donations are down due to the suspension of public Masses and it is questionable whether donations will increase once Masses are reinstated. Our cash reserve provides a level of comfort.

\*Freda Barkley will receive an offer to be hired as the new bookkeeper.

**Old Business:**

* Security Committee Liaison – Dave Flynn: Ushers and maintenance have been taught the actions that they need to take while preparing for, during, and following Mass.
* Elections – Patti Pluta: Elections will not occur in the near future, but the problem lies in the fact that no paper ballots will be allowed. There has been a one to two month extension provided by the Archdiocese to postpone the elections. Perhaps September is a realistic date for next elections if the preliminary preparations have been successfully completed.

**New Business:**

* 2020-2021 Council Schedule
  + 8-26, 9-30, 10-28, 12-2, 1-27, 2-24, 4-28, 5-26, 6-23

**Closing:** Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m. by John Howard and seconded by Paul Rotzenberg. Motion carried.

**Our Next Meeting:** Wednesday, June 24th @ 7:00 in the Weinhart Room