**St. Martin of Tours Parish**

**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes: September 30th, 7pm – Science Room**

**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 following 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) | N |
| Patti Pluta (Vice-Chairperson)  (APC Rep) | Y | Joyce Schlachter  (Formation) | Y |
| Renee Martin | N | John Howard  (Finance) | Y |
| Paul Rotzenberg  (Stewardship) | Y | Bob Mihm (Trustee ex officio) | Y |
| Tien Pham – Vietnamese Rep | Y | Pat Boyer (Trustee ex officio) | Y |
| Fr. Joseph Quang Tran, SCJ (Associate Pastor ex officio) | Y |  |  |

**Unable to Attend**: Tom Van Handel, Renee Martin

**Opening Prayer:** Ken Keefer

**Guests Present:** Dave Vanness, Mary MacDonald, Deacon Chuck

**Parish Community Comments:** Good news!

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes of the August 26th, 2020 meeting was made by John Howard and seconded by Joyce Schlachter. Motion carried. Need to make sure minutes are updated on the parish website.

**Pastor’s Report:** Fr. Terry

We have now had two weeks of Mass with mandatory attendance, which is up. We need to remember and pray for those who feel it is not safe to attend at this time. Parking lot is great!

**Pray for Music:** Pat Boyer (w/Mary MacDonald)

We are trying to evangelize parish members who are no longer coming to this church. We wish to identify things that may make things better.

What music speaks to us at Mass?

* melodies that are easy to remember, catchy
* call and response
* music reinforces the message of the readings
* Gregorian chant (repetitive nature)
* more played music rather than sung music
* we struggle to come up with music designated toward particular groups

Mary said she will reflect on this list and include the items in her music ministry planning, focusing on chant, short response, repeat favorites, and familiar melodies. An idea was mentioned that we encourage students to commit to join us for a visit/quarter/annual length of time and earn compensation for their time.

**Nominations and Elections for Officers and Committee Liaisons:**

Secretary nominations: Renee Martin (abs). Vote will be conducted at the October meeting. Rosemary Karnowski will continue to take notes during Renee’s absence.

Vice Chairman: Joyce Schlachter nominated herself and was seconded by John Howard.

Chairman: Ken Keefer was nominated by Pat Boyer and seconded by John Howard.

Committees: Joyce’s position on the Formation Committee will be taken by Patti Pluta.

**Parish Committee Reports:**

* Formation per Father Quang, the Vietnamese families wanted to suggest virtual classes for religious education. They said in the past that some parishioners were at risk and scared. Therefore, we will not be using the school for religious education this year.
* Stewardship: n/a
* Worship: n/a
* Human Concerns: The committee approved to donate $1000 (using funds collected for the poor) to be provided to the Christ Child Society. Rosemary will let the Human Concerns Committee know that they should contact the parish bookkeeper (Freda) to request a check, with Bob Mihm signing the check. Bob suggested that there may be a Catholic community where the California wildfires have affected that could use our financial help, also. If the committee is interested in doing so, we can offer financial support. Rosemary will remind them that we have funds that can be used for these purposes, as well.

**Finance Committee Update:**

* August 2020 Financial Reports and Comments

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

-Parking lot came in under budget.

HOTROD donations are up and traditional donations are down, but the total is about the same. The final bill for the parking lot was paid today!

**Old Business:**

* Catholic Comeback Matrix V3 on Arch website.
  + Phase II. Restrictions are fewer. Attendance is raised to 25% of capacity, and masks are still recommended.
  + There is a concern regarding parishioners not wearing masks. Perhaps we can offer them a mask or directly request that parishioners wear them.
* School Building Committee: Nothing new to report.
* Loop Sound System – Deacon Chuck said they are still behind on their quotations because their staff has been reduced due to COVID.
* 2020-2021 Council Schedule
  + 10-28, 12-2, 1-27, 2-24, 4-28, 5-26, 6-23

**New Business:**

Father Terry, Bob, and Pat talked about Franklin’s proposed extension of the bike trails that could possibly extend onto church property. Franklin has submitted their plans with 3 alternatives to the parish. The parish (Pat Boyer, Trustee- Sec.) submitted the material to the Arch. for review to eventually obtain an easement so that the bike trail can continue to be constructed without infringing on our parking lot, nor causing a safety issue where parishioners park and/or walk.

**Closing:** Motion to adjourn was made by John Howard and seconded by Joyce Schlachter. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

**Our Next Meeting:** Wednesday, October 28th @ 7:00 in the Science Room.