

Church of St Patrick
Parish Council
Virtual Meeting April 23, 2020

Members present: Father Kuss, Roseanne Strand, Liz Gerlach, Susan Connolly, Brian Brown, Tom Moses, Grace Hanson, Julie Schnell, Sachin Choudhary, Ed Connelly, Lisa Enriquez and Heather Bennett for Youth Commission, Jim Swanke, Music & Liturgy Director - Tim Smith,

7:00 PM Call to order – Roseanne Strand, Chair

Opening Prayer – Father Kuss

Minutes from meeting March 12, 2020 – were not brought forth for approval, this will happen with the next meeting.

2020 Events – Review Dates:

Corona Virus Update:

Parish Staffing Concerns:

- Father Kuss addressed concerns regarding the staff. There have been no terminations. There are reduced hours, some have been furloughed. Maintenance has been working full time cleaning throughout the entire facility.
- Jim Swanke and Cathy Shull completed the application for the Payroll Protection Loan which has been approved and funds have been received. The loan will be forgiven if 75% is used for payroll.

Current Changes: Recorded Masses on web-site are widely appreciated by parishioners. This will need to continue after the doors open and possibly an ongoing part of the website. Weekly messages, via e-mail & facebook are necessary to keep in contact with parishioners adding the weekly bulletin to keep them informed. Faith Formation is ongoing through Zoom and instagram.

The future of certain events:

- Confirmation will most likely happen in August. Candidates will be confirmed by Father Kuss.
- First Communion will also occur in August – date to be determined.
- VBS (Vacation Bible School) was to be held the first week of June – VBS will be cancelled.
- Mission Trips to Wyoming and Colorado will need to be scaled back.
- All Parish Mass was scheduled for June 14 – this will be discussed in future meetings as it is possible to change dates, if necessary, and scale down from the activities brought forth in earlier meetings.
- Garage Sale – no Chair or Co-Chair have stepped forward. This event will be suspended for one year.
- Autumn Gala / Fundraiser – efforts will be concentrated on making this a main fundraising event.

Future Changes: Ideas for when the doors open were discussed.

- “Safe Spacing”, Limited Seating, areas taped off, Ushers will need to assist.
- No sign of peace in the form of handshaking, hugs - a reverent bow will take its place
- No after mass hospitality
- Communion lines – reduced Eucharist Ministers, possibly Father Kuss only
- Worship aides – No Paper worship aides
- Bulletins will be available on the website

- Other Visions explained by Tim Smith:
 1. Move Statues of Mary and Joseph to make more prominent with a place for devotional candles and kneelers by each.
 2. Move St. Patrick statue to stand between the two doors going into the church from the Celtic Center.
 3. Move Celtic Cross (rescued from the fire of the original St Patrick's church) from Martin Center, relocate to Celtic Center where the statue of St. Patrick is presently standing. Possibly adding a film to the windows to create a stained glass look.
 4. Create a space for young families with toddlers ages 2-4 to give an overview of the Mass. This would be the area to left of the organ (bell choir used this space in past). This is in addition to crying room.
 5. The addition of (2) large LED screens in the church, located on brick wall (presently, there are taped areas to identify the placement). Available to use for videos, hymn verses, Mass responses. This would replace all books.
- Grounds clean up - Father Kuss suggested a workday with approximately 5-6 men or women and some young people of parish for raking, clearing, cleaning up and replanting with seedlings. This area could be used for Stations of Cross, camping events and other activities. Grace Hanson will talk with Father Kuss concerning an arborist who has done work for her.

Other Items: Essential 3 Requirements - Parish Council members are doing well with getting this accomplished. Those who have not started, please contact Roseanne for further information / instructions.

8:13 PM Adjournment

Next Meeting: TBD due to the Corona Virus

Respectfully submitted by Susan Connolly and Roseanne Strand