

We the people of St. Joseph of the Lakes Catholic Church, as Christ's Body, Strive to be the heart, hands and feet of Jesus Christ

Parish Pastoral Council ("PPC") Meeting - Tuesday, October 13, 2020

Present: Fr. Bodin, Robert McMullan, Amy Moore, Cheri Brausen, Keith Sjostrom, George Burr, Bob Loew, Paul Siler, Ron Peterson, and Joshua Bohl

Excused: Fr. Mike Anderson, Sheila Bianconi, LeAnn Zogg, Don Hohn, Kelly Summerville

Opening Prayer – The meeting was opened with prayer.

Opening Remarks:

- Fr. Mike drove out to PA for wellness retreat – he is excited about the opportunity given to him by the Archdiocese
- Fr. Mike phones office on Monday and sent greetings. He suggested that his retreat may go through January, and to find alternative priest(s) for January weddings/masses.
- Fr. Daniel Bodin has been assigned as our Parochial Administrator until Fr. Mike is back or Archbishop tells him otherwise. His responsibilities include:
 - Overseeing sacramental life of parish
 - Signing off on any proxies
 - Serving as the Vice President of the Parish Corporation
 - Participating in Parish Council and Finance Council meetings

Committee Reports:

a. Faith Formation

- Enrollment is down 30-40%
- Long term hope is to get back to normal
- Getting Scott Frieler (Director of Religious Education/Middle School and High School Faith Formation) acquainted
- Scott is on board with getting Faith Formation on same page from beginning to end
- Fr. Bodin said Faith Formation enrollment down at St. Peter's as well

b. Social Justice

- First meeting was Sunday
- Came up with a lot of ideas
- By next PPC meeting, want to have projections of where ideas are going – Social Justice provided handout of ideas (Attached)
 - "Trunk or Treat" – Will setup outside of church for food collection on Wed. Oct. 28.
- Projects continue with White Earth and Guatemala – fortunately pandemic hasn't impacted Guatemala as much as other places

c. Synod

- 3rd DMI webcast was a couple weeks ago – next step is setting goals and picking some areas the parish wants to focus on
- Josh will reach out to Judy and get her thoughts on focus areas for parish – maybe get other ambassadors involved too

d. Liturgy

- Currently, four Christmas Masses have been scheduled for 4 pm and 10 pm Christmas Eve and 9 am and 11 am on Christmas Day. Council discussed the possibility of asking the liturgy commission to explore the need for additional mass, possibly at 6 pm on Christmas Eve.

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- Also asked about any plans for a drive-through Communion/Blessing on Christmas Eve and or Day.
 - Archdiocese last month issued new guidance on serving Communion – priests can go in-between pews to serve Communion and now can serve Communion during Mass
 - Takes about 30 minutes to sanitize/clean pews after Sunday Mass
 - Working on consistency of duties for all liturgical ministers
 - There was concern that the Pieta statue may crack or become damaged over the winter. The Knights of Columbus researched and proposed a type of “green house” that they would purchase to enclose the statue during the winter months. The Liturgy Commission did approve it. It was suggested by the PPC that the manufacturer be contacted to verify the necessity
- e. **Pastoral Care**
- Have not met since last PPC meeting
 - Still can't visit nursing homes
 - Sending out cards, making phone calls
 - Waiting to see what new State of MN guidelines suggest regarding visits to long-term care facilities.
- f. **Community Life**
- CCW had successful drive-up bazaar with egg rolls and soup
 - Men's Group has cancelled Venison Dinner – will have raffle though
 - Knights of Columbus are assisting with White Earth coat drive, sanitizing the church
- g. **Facilities**
- Good time for floor replacement in Great Hall
 - PPC suggested that the lighting project be looked at as well
- h. **Communications**
- Replaced 8 out of 9 PCs for fiscal year
 - Began looking at phone system replacement
 - New in-house parish directory will be published in Feb./March 2021
 - No formal newsletter during rest of 2020 – will have email communication instead for holidays, etc.
- i. **Finance**
- Collections up down 4% from budget
 - Expenses down
 - Net cash position is \$350k – PPP loan a large part of that
 - \$70k in capital improvement fund
 - Solid financial shape

Ways to connect with others during COVID:

- Small groups to volunteer, best to meet semi-regularly
- Faith Formation working on forming small groups of parishioners for those who sign up
- Update website – outdated meeting minutes
- The website was redesigned in the last year. Fr. Bodin shared that at St. Peter in Forest Lake, when they recently redesigned their site, he learned that people read left to right, so want most important info in top left corner. Also, people want ease – simple clicks and drop downs, people view webpages more on cell phone than on laptops – important to keep in mind.

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Wrap-up:

- Next Meeting: November 10 at 7 pm
- Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Social Justice

Local Initiatives:

Alexandra House – several trips of donations.

Continuing need for diapers, cleaning products, full size hygiene items

Hope4Youth – Sponsored them at Partee 4 a Purpose – Denise and Amy attended

Centennial Food Shelf – St. Joe's is averaging about 500lbs a week. Also a large check donation from a parishioner (thousands) As one of the main contributors both financially and physically – they're in good shape and holding steady.

Stepping Stones – we've continued to bring them meals and some donations throughout the summer. Tonight will be our first time to serve with a skeleton crew inside the building. Numbers are at capacity. 65

Loaves and Fishes – we have continued to serve the meal monthly throughout the pandemic without fail. We have been serving outside so we're waiting to see what happens as the weather gets colder. Some are quite obviously homeless and living in vehicles. Numbers have increased considerably and we're noticing more handicapped showing up.

Feed My Starving Children-

Packing Night for our 5th and 6th Graders Oct. 21

This is a BIG DEAL!!! Christmas around the world campaign to showcase partners from around the world and how they celebrate Christmas. Features some clips from Believe Guatemala and some of our mission team! The video will roll out in early December.

We are in collaboration with FMSC to get a shipment of food next year. By December of this year the areas worst affected by malnutrition and starvation -where we've been sending food to- is going to run out of food. This is critical because our normal methods (St. Joe's) of fundraising for this were cut off due to covid this last year. We are trying to pair up with another organization to see if we can share a shipment of food. It is a difficult thing to ask because of the growing desperation for food. We were able to hold a small book sale so that's a start.

Trunk or Treat!- Wednesday, Oct. 28th – We are thinking outside the box here and holding our food drive outdoors. Our Sr. High are sorting the food the elementary and middle school bring in, we are giving out Social Justice kits with prayers, crafts, justice activities and education for families to do

at home. We'll have some education pieces on display about poverty, a concession stand for Hope4Youth with purchases benefitting that organization, and hopefully a parking lot full of Trunks decorated so the kids can trunk or treat. **This would be an awesome way for commissions, families, or friends to support the kids and our community.**

White Earth –

Coat drive through Oct. 28th. Donations of new winter gear is coming in slowly. The Knights have collaborated with us on this project and we hope to bring some donations early November or on our December trip.

We received a letter from the new Pastor of the Catholic Church and are hoping for them to visit St. Joe's when Covid isn't an issue.

We are working on getting some details worked out to replace some doors at a church on the reservation.

Guatemala –

Good news! Everyone is healthy so far!

Women's Initiative: we are in the beginning of a project to start a prayer support group with some of the leaders – moms of the Dump community. The idea is to build relationships, support them in prayer, and eventually have this group target small initiatives for the community and possibly begin small micro businesses within the community. We have identified the leaders and women from St. Joe's who are willing to commit to meeting once a month.

The kids need tablets. They are receiving lessons through the teachers two cell phones and its nearly impossible for them to have all the kids using them. For them to do their work through the zoom lessons they should have at least some shared devices. Looking for a cheaper way to purchase some or any information on those who could donate some would be appreciated. They will need to have the camera feature so they can communicate with the teachers.

Fundraising to support the education of the children at Believe: Our little book sale was successful in many ways but a small miracle in this pandemic.

Fair Trade Breakfast and Sale Oct. 25th. We'll have breakfast to go and sell fair trade and greater good items. The plan is to do this on the front lawn and outside the Great Hall.

Food Shipment: Malnutrition and starvation are a growing crisis in Guatemala and the village we support will run out of food November or December. We are hoping to partner with a larger organization to get and share a food shipment early next year. Fundraising in a pandemic is a challenge but we are trying to think outside the box.

*Parish Council
Commissions*



St. Joe's Trunk or Treat Event!!!

Wed., Oct. 28, 6-8pm

Benefits our local food shelf and Hope4Youth

We need groups & individuals to decorate their trunks as a fun theme to make this a great event for our elementary and middle school kids!

We're asking Parish Council to help support the kids in this endeavor by spreading the word and by signing up as council members to decorate their trunks. Sign up as a commission or as individuals. Each trunk will also receive a 6-8 foot tube so they can send candy down the chute so we are socially distant from the kids. The night includes drop off for non-perishable food items (known as trick or canning), a social justice kit of activities for home, poverty education, and a Hope4Youth concession stand. Here's a link to register:

<https://forms.gle/pW5MzeufwNEUFMie9>

Please indicate on the form if you need us to provide candy. Set up is between 10am and 5:30pm

Marketing/Communications/IT group:

- IT - we have replaced 8 out of the 9 PCs scheduled for this fiscal year. The last scheduled replacement will occur in early November. The PCs were using a system that was no longer supported.
- IT - Looking to the future exploration has begun to look at phone system replacement. At this point it is an information gathering stage including contacting other churches in the area regarding their systems and positives/negatives they are experiencing. Next step is a decision regarding the type of system then sending out a Request for Proposal from companies that provide appropriate systems.
- Communications - A new phone book will be published in February/March 2021. Write ups have begun and will soon start to develop communications on requesting updated information from our parishioners.
- Communications - There will not be a formal newsletter during the rest of 2020. There will be e-mail type communications as needed regarding holidays, etc.

Thanks for sharing with the council.

Sheila Bianconi

October 13, 2020

Facility Commission Projects – St. Joseph of the Lakes Catholic Church

<u>Item</u>	<u>Price Estimate</u>	<u>Date Completed</u>
1. Window replacement (6) in Office wing	\$ 7592	January 2020
2. Furnace replacements with cooling coils Includes \$300 rebate on each unit	\$12296	January 2020
3. Exterior Lighting Upgrade (Parking lot)	\$ 9964	July 2020
4. Great Hall Floor Refinishing	\$12750	October 2020
5. Ed Wing & St. Joe's Hall Doors (3)	\$10,558 each	
6. Ceiling Tile & Lighting St. Joe's Hallway	\$12500	
7. Additional Handicap Parking		
8. Water Heaters replaced (2)	\$5189	
9. Worship Space A/C Unit Replaced	\$60000	

Upcoming Projects:

1. Interior lighting upgrade in Education Wing
2. Security
3. Five year plan
4. St. Joe's Hall Bathrooms upgrade tile
5. Painting door frames (8)

