

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting – June 16, 2020

Meeting held in Social Hall due to Coronavirus restrictions.

Present Council Members: Father Tony VanderLoop, Renee Berens, Keri Crusier, Dean Flicker, Carol Goodwin, Donny Lill, Richard Frie, Melissa Anderson, Brian Lutes and Geoff Johnson

Parish Trustees Present: Jan Zaruba

Members Absent: Paul Dehmer, Tim Pauly, Lanette Aitchison and Les Wilmot

Meeting called to order by Donny Lill at 7:35 PM

**Opening Prayer** – Donny opened with prayer.

**Review/Approve May minutes**. Motion made by Keri to approve minutes as written, motion seconded by Melissa and Dick. Motion approved.

**Budget Review** - Dan Dupay, Business Administrator, gave an overview of the Budget Worksheet. Projections are positive considering the current pandemic and closure of the church and cancellation of open Masses. Parish is currently at 99% of last year's budget, and Dan was quite impressed at the giving of the parishioners. The income fluctuates depending on the manner of giving and when you consider approximately \$800-\$1000 usually comes in weekly as cash in the offering basket.

The fact that the Parish received the forgivable PPP loan from the Small Business Administration and that he discovered that the monies can be rolled into the next fiscal year because the pandemic will continue into that year, we can feel quite assured that we are on the right track. We do have some challenges ahead, the loan payment from St. Benedict will expire in July and that will take \$22,000 from income. In spite of all the changes and issues, Dan gave credit to Father for his contribution to managing the parish finances and bringing us to this positive place. Dick asked if when we finally raise enough money to put on the new roof would Father Tony come back to bless it. Father thought that might be possible and that he plans an occasional stop by to pray since he will be visiting his parents who live in this area.

Dick made a motion to approve the budget as presented, the motion was seconded by Brian. Motion approved.

**Live Streaming Cameras** - Father Tony brought up the possibility of installing permanent live-streaming cameras to provide continuing offerings of Mass, Baptism, weddings, funerals and other occasions to home-bound parishioners. He presented photos he had taken of possible installation locations. There would be two cameras, one stationary and one with the ability to zoom and pan. The cost for the two cameras, that includes installation, would be \$12,000 and he wondered if he could announce a parish appeal to raise the funds for these cameras. Donny asked if the installations would include Wifi capability and Father will make a call to confirm that need. The system would be hooked up to and run at the sound system location. There was a question about who would run this system since the sound system is currently run by the music ministry and would this be a burden they would be expected to bear. Father thought that perhaps there could be a sound system team, as there was in the past, that could take that responsibility again. Motion was made by Keri to have Father announce the parish

appeal, at the amount of \$12,000, seconded by Melissa. Motion approved but Donny encouraged Father to make sure wifi connectivity will be included at that price.

PPC Council Membership - Donny referred to the incomplete process for selecting new Parish Council members and the thought that it was really too late to go forward with nominations, phone calls, discernment meetings and selection. Donny reported that Renee and Dean had agreed to take another term of 3 years and he thanked them for that. He also stated that Karen Dehmer and Ryan Graham had shown interest in taking the remaining two seats, replacing those vacated by Tim Pauly and Paul Dehmer. Father Tony thought we should move ahead with those selections, fill the vacant seats, that there was just not enough time before he left to make the process possible and he would rather leave Father Barnes with a complete council roster.

Motion made by Renee to approve these parishioners as new Council members, motion seconded by Geoff. Motion carried.

Disciple Maker Index Survey - Father passed out the results from this Parish's contributions to the survey and gave the Council a few minutes to review the results. He read some results aloud and asked for comments. Nothing negative reported except that it was unfortunate that not more parishioners, only 245, had filled out the survey. The Archbishop will use these results to bring forward to the upcoming Synod that will work on issues confronting every parish and more results would have been more effective. Father was surprised at some results, pleased with others as were the Council members.

There was then discussion among Council members about the effect the efforts of Father Tony had helped to make St. Henry's such a wonderful parish to be a part of. His calm demeanor and passionate spirituality had been such a blessing to everyone and he will be missed.

Motion made by Dick to end the meeting, Dean closed with a prayer. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectful submitted,  
Susan Holmes, Recording Secretary