

Christ The King
Pastoral Council
Agenda
May 10th, 2021
Zoom Meeting

Pastoral Council Members Present: Debbie Abbate (2021), Michael Cassella, Mary Jane Densmore (2023), Jennifer Faenza (2022), Michael Fote, Andrea Greene (2021), Pat Klein (2023), Peter Leombruni (2022), Father Nick Melo, Ann Nelson (2022), Sharon Reynolds, Frank Spano (2023), Ann Sarpu, Sal Santapaola, Nora Uricchio, Fr. George Vellapackil

Excused: Christina Carpino (2021), Nancy Kiely

- A. Welcome and Prayer/Recite Mission Statement-
 - a. Fr. Nick led the opening prayer.
 - b. Deb Abbate led the parish mission statement.
- B. Minutes of February 8th, 2021
 - a. Review: discussion and approval of minutes
 - b. Motion for approval: 1st by Michael Fote, 2nd by Peter Leombruni

C. Written Reports:

Pastors Report – Father Nick- see attached report

- Updated guidelines regarding Covid-19 restrictions from Archbishop, beginning May 22nd churches may open to full capacity; no social distancing required just face masks. The dispensation from Mass attendance is also lifted, except from those who remain infected or are at risk. Singing can be done with masks. Processions can take place again. Collections can resume with long handled baskets. No holy water at the entrances. Altar servers will be allowed. No offertory processions. Communion procedures will stay the same. Eucharistic ministers to be scheduled.
- Questions- Communion lines will be double. All doors open. Discussion ensued on the spacing & seating at masses. Consensus was to open all seating immediately.
- How are we getting the word out for the opening 5/19? Bulletin, Facebook, My Parish app. Suggestions were made for an email distribution and regular mail for those who do not have email.
- Video of the mass will continue. We will continue with greeters & ushers. Ushers will collect Offerings with long handled baskets.
- Bulletin boards will be updated- Jen Faenza & Pat Klein
- Greeters at each door. Ushers return to normal passing of the baskets.
- No need to make mass reservations starting with the weekend masses of May 22nd.

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Liturgy – Nora Uricchio- will start meetings for the fall.

School Report – Ann Sarpu-see attached report.

- Open house on May 18th. 5 yr. Interim accreditation renewed. June 1st Golf tournament fundraiser. Graduation will be with mass this year with covid-19 restrictions lifted.

Religious Education – Sharon Reynolds, Jaclyn Carpio- See attached report.

- Classes complete for this year. All teachers are returning next year! 30 students remote, the remaining in person (~254). 24 1st communion, 23 Confirmations, with 2 adults. Working with Incarnation Church with the Religious Ed, gr 7-9 merge, meet on Sunday evenings at both campuses. K-5 will continue as is. Upper grades will use school on Sunday evenings, in addition to using Incarnation Church Hall. All upper grade meetings will be synchronous at each location. Starting in September we will see new faces.

Building Committee – Peter Leombruni

- Have not met. Revisit goals of the committee. Looking for thoughts and ideas especially since we will eventually merge. The Church of the Incarnation & Corpus Christi Church will both remain open.

Finance – Sal Santapaola- see attached

Social Action-MJ Desmore- see attached report

- Excited about the meeting with Fr. Walsh at St. Augustine Church in Hartford with regards to integrating our Parishes for combined activities. See attached minutes of the meeting with Fr. Walsh.

D. Old Business:

- a. Forward with Faith Campaign – Deacon Michael – has not heard anything from the campaign manager.
- b. Accurate database of parishioners is current.
- c. School has received a \$5K grant from Hartford Bishop Foundations, emergency grant. The Foundation wants to know how the money was used. Ann S. stated money was used for supplies for sanitizing, gloves, masks.

E. New Business:

- Merger with Incarnation Church, Fr. Moran will retire 2/2023. The current plan from the Archdiocese of Hartford is to have one parish called Christ the King. The thought at this time is both churches would remain open. All other activities will be merged such as Religious Ed., Parish Council, Social Action, & other Committees.
- Discussion ensued regarding PPP money received from the government for the school. Sal said all money received for PPP needs to be documented and verified,

guidelines must be followed, ie 60% for payroll, 40% on other specific expenses, 24 weeks to apply for forgiveness. This loan has been essential for the school.

- A suggestion was made to donate money to the less fortunate, locally and globally. After much discussion, it was recommended that this be deferred to the August meeting.

Suggestions for donations included:

- Amirah Safe House for trafficked women in Hartford.
- Haiti: Fr. Rick Frechette, re: the poor living conditions and impact of COVID on the community, kidnapping of priests, doctors and teachers.
- Honduras Clinic~ needs support to sustain themselves because they cannot support themselves and this is a much-needed resource in the community. Only funding is what we give them.

- Sound system- acoustics in Church
 - Discussion ensued about the sound quality and the lack of the ability to hear the cantor. Also discussed was the live streaming sound quality. An expert will be coming to evaluate this in the next month.

F. Closing Prayer: Led by Fr. George

Next Meeting: **In-person** - August 9th, 2021 7:00 p.m. St. Joseph's Hall

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Andrea Greene