

QUEEN OF APOSTLES PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Chairperson: Christy Rosenberger

Secretary/ Minutes: Stephanie Fong

Date/Time: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 6:30 p.m.

Location: Grellinger Hall

Participants: Father Chuck, Stephanie Fong, Anna Grzeszczak, Mike Hausman, Helena Keeley, Cindy Klopp, Kathy Korn, Christy Rosenberger, Dale Servais, Mike Szocs, Becky Wagner, John Schueller

Excused: Debbie Hanfler

Guest(s):

Item	Discussion	Next Steps & Responsible Party
Prayer	The meeting began on time with a prayer.	Led by Cindy
Introductions	None	
Minutes	The minutes were approved as written.	
Father's Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Father thanked Stephanie Fong for the Stewardship talk at all masses last weekend • Last weekend's mass with Fr. Carlos was wonderful. At a later time we still want to host a social event to congratulate him • Decisions made in light of COVID for Christmas: Adding extra masses to accommodate the 25% capacity rule. Christmas Eve masses will be at 4,6,8 and 10pm. All space possible will be used, including the Gathering Space and Grellinger Hall. Reservations necessary. We can seat approx 300 per mass. Limited space for walk-ins. All spaces need to be cleaned after each mass, including bathrooms. This information will be conveyed in the mailing going out for Stewardship. Hoping to have enough people to clean after each mass. • Re: Last month's discussion of bringing Eucharist to home-bound. Brian McLinden is putting some documentation together. Clergy and properly trained people can bring to the home-bound. Due to COVID, can only go to one house per visit, not house to house • Re: DMI Father is learning how the DMI, Amazing parish fit together. Will have a gathering with the 8 people who watched the DMI webinars and key parish leaders to synthesize what we've learned and present to parish pertinent findings. 	<p>John S looking into a misting service to clean after masses</p> <p>Father will request meeting be organized</p>
Trustee Update	None	

<p>Council Items</p>	<p>Youth and Young Adult (Anna)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rosary path has new benches, posts and signs. Looking to put a box for rosaries. Need a pedestal. Suggestion made to use an existing pedestal at St. Mary's that is rather cumbersome. Place announcement in bulletin to see if someone has equipment to move it? HS/MS classes began, going well. Confirmation class did a service project for the MacCannon Brown Homeless Sanctuary. <p>Lifelong Faith Formation (Stephanie and Cindy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See attached LFF notes. With COVID, our numbers are down. Liz needs volunteers in several areas. <p>Human Concerns (Debbie) No Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Question about the ministry "Home Outreach" if this could encompass the call ministry to keep connected with parishioners at this time. <p>Prayer and Worship (Kathy K)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most important items covered in Father's report. Only additional comment to add to Father's update is that when families come for Christmas, all must come together for seating purposes <p>Stewardship / Volunteerism (Becky)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We kicked off the Stewardship campaign last weekend. A mailing is going out soon to all households in the parish with the commitment form. We are stressing that there are ministries that can be done from home Mike Hausman speaking on the "treasure" aspect of Stewardship this weekend. <p>Finance (Helena)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Finance Meeting See attached Cemetery notes. Main concerns at the St. Mary's property at this time are the Right of Way <p>Strategic Plan (Mike S)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christy and Mike S. met with Liz regarding the DMI. Need to identify the main takeaways from DMI . Perhaps a focus group . 	<p>Anna will continue research on items for Rosary Path</p> <p>Christy will ask HC about this.</p> <p>Stephanie is picking up the Pilgrim Crucifix from the Soyas</p> <p>John S will contact surveyor used in past for clarification</p>
<p>Council Items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parish numbers: see attachment Pastoral Council Open Position: Ellen Donley has agreed to join PC and will work with Prayer and Worship Commission Deanery meeting next Monday via zoom. Dale and Christy will attend Pastoral Council Norms Appendix: Appendix was reviewed and approved. Very little room for making any changes. Decided that beginning in January, each council meeting will have the commission head of one of the committees invited to the general PC meeting. The purpose will be to get an overview of the year, areas of need, a deeper dive 	<p>Christy will invite Ellen to next PC meeting</p> <p>Christy will finalize Appendix.</p>

New Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguarding: All need to have gone through Safeguarding our Children training. Includes doing a background check every 5 years • Suggestion box / concern about using private email • Prayer line, what is experience of someone leaving a message? • KoC through the golf outing has approved \$2400 to build an 8x8 shed to house tools for caring for cemetery. Some approved monies from past years have not been spent yet, earmarked for technology. Liz assessing needs. • Looking at getting screens in the church to put music up. Brian McLinden looking into this. • St Vincent de Paul Meal Program still cannot operate in the usual way. Cindy will ask people to donate in cash what they would have spent on the food. • Question raised about how website portrays us, how we market ourselves better to potential families that are parish shopping. • Discussion of potential drive-thru fish fry. Lori & Jim investigated fully the possibility by experiencing the St. Dominic's version. This is too cumbersome to organize this year. Will have another event at Bubba's on November 17th 	<p>Christy will verify who needs to do training bkgrd ck</p> <p>Christy developing</p> <p>Liz / Brian to assess needs for KoC funds</p> <p>Cindy will post in bulletin for monetary donations for meal program</p> <p>John S checking with LPI and Lisa about how to update website</p>
Next Meeting Agenda Items	Next meeting is Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in Grellinger Hall.	Prayer Leader will be Kathy
Closing Prayer	The meeting ended with a prayer.	

Attachments: Lifelong Faith Formation Notes and Cemetery Updates

Cemetery Update – September, 2020

Metrics:

Break down of Number of burials (or interments) by month:

	TOTALS	St. Mary's	Sts P&P
[2018 Totals]	[14]	[13]	[1]
[2019 Totals]	[13]	[12]	[1]
January, 2020	0	0	0
February, 2020	2	1	1
March, 2020	1	1	0
April, 2020	1	1	0
May, 2020	0	0	0
June, 2020	0	0	0
July, 2020	0	0	0
August, 2020	1	1	0
September, 2020	0	0	0
2020 Totals	5	4	1

Number of Cemetery Plots (and ½ Plots) Purchased:

	Running Totals (full & ½ Plots)
[2018 Totals]	[26]
[2019 Totals]	[17]
January, 2020	0
February, 2020	0
March, 2020	0
April, 2020	0
May, 2020	0
June, 2020	0
July, 2020	3
August, 2020	2
September, 2020	3
2020 Totals	8

Updates: none

Did you know?

What is/was the first chartered burial ground in the USA?

Grove Street Cemetery (New Haven, CT). This cemetery is widely recognized as the first chartered burial ground in the U.S.

There was a previous common burial site, called the **New Haven Green**. After yellow fever epidemics in 1794 and 1795, New Haven Green, which held as many as 5,000 burials, was too crowded to continue as the main burial ground.

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What is the oldest burial ground in the USA?

The Myles Standish Burial Ground

According to the American Cemetery Association, the Myles Standish Burial Ground is the oldest maintained cemetery in the United States. The cemetery is located in Duxbury, Massachusetts and was in use from 1638 – 1789.

What is “Chartered status”? It is a symbol of technical competence and signifies a public commitment to professional standards.

Oldest Graves in the QOA Graveyards (reported in July):

- St. Peter and Paul - Margretha Farber, death date 7-28-1859
- St Mary's - Peffer Infant, death date 1853.

These two people may have been buried first on a family farm, and then they were moved to the cemeteries after they were established.

Bob also says that the first grave in St. Mary's was for Katie Mackin, death date 1873. He commented that “this seems like quite a bit of time after the land was being used for services”.

There is no official information on the date of establishment for either cemetery.

LFFC Update October 2020

- Welcomed new Commission member Tammy Groszczyk.
- A job description for the new DFF (Liz Kuhn) needs to be developed
- Religious Education calendar and registration are complete. A parent/youth meeting was done in September through a recorded video on QOA's YouTube channel. Sessions (other than Sacrament preparation) began on October 4/5.
- Religious Education Attendance. See chart.
 - 107 children total, 68% of last year
 - 66 families total, 79% of last year
 - A group of families, most not in a Sacrament year, are taking a pause and plan on returning next yr.
 - 23 families did not respond at all. Mostly in grades K4-8, over half in Grade 3
 - Curriculum is being developed.
- Catechists and Small Group Leaders are still needed. Could use 2 small group leaders for grades K4-5 Zoom on Monday evenings. Looking to ask last year's Confirmation students to help.
- Confirmation. First session was a group service project to MBHS on October 11.
- RCIA Two adult candidates. One doing self-study. Other is in the process of formation sessions.
- Baptism Preparation. Needs new team members. Current team member is moving out of the parish.
- FOCCUS Pre-Marriage Inventory. Looking for other couples to assist with this, in addition to the Kempkas.
- Adult Bible Study. Resumed in-person sessions on September 2/3. Continues until December 16/17
- Strategic Plan Discussions on hold as we get the school year started. Some items might need to be reconsidered. Liz met with Christy and Mike S about the Strategic Plan in light of the DMI.
- Disciple Maker's Index (DMI). Father Chuck is contemplating having the 8 parish leaders who watched the webinars together to summarize the learnings. May have another Leadership Summit to communicate and refine the learnings. After that, another group needs to be convened to set priorities/goals/action plans.
- Fundraiser at Bubbas. \$785 raised in September. Will schedule again.
- Winter Drive for MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary continues through October. Mercy Mats resumed on September 19.

Discussion of Article: What is Parish Ministry Never Returns to Normal? Basis of Stewardship talk Stephanie gave at masses the weekend of 10/17-18. We can reset our approach to ministry by asking "What is God doing in my life now and in the lives of families that comprise the parish?" Reset the domestic Church, persons before programs, move away from mechanical ministry models, invest in relationships-new insights, new, creative ways of reaching out. Be open to constant renewal.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION ENROLLMENT

Revised 10/20/2020

Year	First Communion and Reconciliation (2nd Grade)	Continue to 3rd Grade	Total K4-5th	Total 6-8	Confirmation (Formation)	Confirmation (Catholic Schools)	Total 9-11	Total Enrolled (not incl Catholic High School)	% Enrolled in Christian Formation Who Are Receiving A Sacrament	Total Enrolled Change Each Year
2011 / 2012	54		-	-	-	-	-	322	-	
2012 / 2013	49		-	-	-	-	-	296	-	-26
2013 / 2014	52		142	54	33	2	65	259	33.59%	-37
2014 / 2015	58		129	56	22	5	67	247	34.41%	-12
2015 / 2016	26		123	44	26	3	55	219	25.11%	-28
2016 / 2017	31		124	49	15	5	53	221	23.08%	2
2017 / 2018	40	18	124	37	19	4	54	211	29.86%	-10
2018 / 2019	15	16	82	34	16	6	51	161	22.98%	-50
2019 / 2020	26	7	87	27	18	3	44	155	30.32%	-6
2020 / 2021	19	9	48	22	19	2	37	105	38.10%	-50

Breakdown by Grade Level

Year	K4	K5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Cath HS
2016 / 2017	6	5	28	31	19	23	12	17	16	16	15	18	15	5
2017 / 2018	7	11	12	40	18	17	19	9	14	14	16	15	19	4
2018 / 2019	5	10	14	15	16	13	9	14	8	12	12	17	16	6
2019 / 2020	6	7	19	26	7	11	11	8	12	7	12	11	18	3
2020 / 2021	1	4	5	19	9	3	7	6	5	11	7	11	19	2