

Combined Pastoral Council Meeting
June 2, 2020 @ 7:15 pm
Zoom – Online Meeting
Minutes

Attendance: Fr. Mike Erwin, Julie Ferstl, Chris Brooks (T), Marge Jorgensen (T), Bob Einwalter, Vickie Kaul, Tom Kalinosky, Dan Doyle, Javier Cavazos, Greg Steil, Pat Bordak. Connie Caine, Barb Heinzen, Kevin Roche, John Pryme, Jane Power and others attended via Zoom

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm

Welcome/Opening Prayer – Offered by Fr Mike

2. COVID -19

- a. Review of the Archbishop's Matrix as to what we are currently to do. How are St. Katharine Drexel and the tri-parishes the same and different as we go through this?

It is helpful to have a plan; daily mass logistics are being worked through.

- b. How did the first weekend of Masses go at the 4 parishes?

Opinions were shared; St Columbkille needs speakers; the script read at the start of mass was helpful.

- c. What comes next in phase 2 (not exact timing but perhaps in June still). This will affect our daily Mass times, funerals, weddings, church meetings, youth ministry and much more. Any creative ideas for helping the church for our adults, youth, children and seniors? Does the tri-parishes enter back into the capital campaign?

Brief discussion on the topic.

- d. Update on mental health reach-out initiative.

Connie discussed getting information out on mental health; put information on tri-parish website; share the quote in all bulletins; Dodge County is putting together a guide.

- e. How are our parishes doing financially through this?

Barb reported that SKD collections were down. Sending a mailing with more detail. Tri-parishes are doing OK at last report.

3. Saying goodbye to Fr. Erick Cassiano Amaya, FMM on August 4, 2020.

What gratitude events do we want before-hand? He can give us a report as to his work, what needs to be continued and challenges that he was encountering.

Groups will be notified so people can plan events. Fr. Erick will stay until Fr. Onildo is in the United States.

4. Saying hello to Fr. Onildo Orella Diaz, FMM.

What do we wish to do for hospitality? Do we want to assign a team to help him settle in?

Connie will see if the Knights would help. Bob and Mark volunteered to be part of the team with staff to help Father accumulate.

5. Our three goals from this past year, what worked and what are our challenges:

a. Food for Souls

Salsa – looking to do this again this next year but not as many tomatoes. The youth group will be planting pie pumpkins and will sell this in fall.

b. Adoration

These were scaled back from 24 hours to 12 hours to make them more doable. All Soul's day was good attendance; once restrictions are removed, we would like to start with a 12 hour adoration.

c. Welcoming

Meant to be linked with church opening; derailed with COVID. We need evangelization; trying to get people back in to church; recommended more presence on Facebook page; promotion of small faith groups and look into resources on Catholic rural ministry.

6. Our new goals for next year – we won't be able to have our big pages on the wall but we can share a document and find a way to discern our common goals.

Identification of specific goals was discussed but no determination was made.

7. Dedication of St. Katharine Drexel Church Kathrine Drexel

June 14th at 11 am. Smaller group due to limitations and invitation only.

Comments from Fr. Mike

Closing Prayer – Offered by Fr. Mike

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. Respectfully submitted by Pat Bordak