

Pastoral Council Meeting
November 3, 2020 @ 7:00 pm
Church Narthex
Zoom – Online Meeting

Attendance: Fr. Mike Erwin, Julie Ferstl, Chris Brooks (T), Marge Jorgensen (T), Vickie Kaul, Greg Steil, Pat Bordak, Bob Einwalter, Dan Doyle

Excused: Irma Rosas, Javier Cavazos, Tom Kalinosky

Guests: Barb Heinzen, Mark Roedl

Meeting was called to order by Julie Ferstl at 7:00 pm

Welcome/Opening Prayer – offered by Julie Ferstl

Approve October Minutes – Moved by Greg Steil, seconded Marge Jorgensen, approved by voice vote.

Reports: Committee Liaisons

- Liturgy – October meeting was devoted to the service of remembrance. Advent preparation began with some ideas around virtual activities.
- Faith Formation – met in October but minutes were not sent yet. Ignatian group started tonight via Zoom.
- Human Concerns – Pregnancy Support Center raised \$10,000. They had 90 people at the rosary prayer meeting. Looking to have a collection for the food pantry. Julie has the minutes and will forward them.
- School – minutes will be sent. Living rosary will be done in each classroom, Dodge County toy bank will be organized by the school. There will be a Christmas program via video and sent out to families. Virtual learning has been a topic for discussion and training. 62 families are participating in Scrip. Football mania made more than \$8,000 profit.
- Stewardship Committee Start-up – Bob and Julie met with Barb to begin the discussion. We need to do a better job of follow-up with people who do volunteer and are not contacted; our committees are not all following up on the information they are provided. As a council, we need to find a better way of holding groups accountable for contacting people. The time and talent part of the survey went out to parishioners last week; the treasure part will be going out in 2 weeks. There is discussion about moving this to electronic in the future. Julie, Bob and Barb will meet again to come up with a plan to promote and support stewardship.

Parish Transition Discussion

Bob discussed the findings from the survey he sent to the parish council. Fr. Mike has talked to the Priest Placement Board. He created a chart that shows a configuration of our parish and all the items he does. Archdiocese will have a parish connector to assist a new priest. The Archdiocese also has a process for priest replacements so we will wait for them to send us the information. December would be a joint council meeting for further discussion. The group shared concerns about the current and future needs of our parish.

Comments from Fr. Mike

The proxy for the sale of the convent was recently declined after the Archdiocese had already accepted it. Apparently, someone complained about a homeless shelter near the parish. Marge and Fr. Mike have been talking to the Archdiocese in an effort to provide more information. The general safety of the neighborhood and other options for sale were discussed.

Pastoral Council Goals:

- Engagement
- Stewardship committee
- Welcoming

There will be a mission on March 3rd. Father would like to get a phone campaign in January/February inviting parishioners. The mission would be streaming into each parish with discussions in churches and online. Julie will add the mission to upcoming agendas for further discussion.

Closing Prayer – Greg Steil offered a prayer.

Meeting ended at 8:25 pm

December PPC Meeting/Tri-Parishes: 12/1 @ 7pm – Church Narthex/Zoom