

Pastoral Council Meeting
September 1, 2020 @ 7:00 pm
Church Narthex
Zoom – Online Meeting

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

Excused: Irma Rosas

Guests: Mark Roedl, Coletta Cody, Barbara Heinzen

Meeting was called to order by Julie Ferstl at 7:05 pm

Welcome/Opening Prayer – offered by Julie Ferstl

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

Reports: Committee Liaisons

- *Human Concerns* (Tom) – have not had a meeting but are planning to meet in September. Pregnancy Support Center will be holding a fundraising event end of September.
- *Faith Formation* (Vickie) – met in August; discussed the year. Blend of live and virtual sessions; several of the small groups will be starting back in September.
- *Liturgy* (Dan) – did an inventory of the objects still in storage; will be meeting in September.
- *School* (Greg) – school has started, open house went well, committee is starting strategic planning and has been developing goals and objectives. Several of the objectives they are working on are an alumni group, funding sources, solidify the relationship between the parish and the school. The focus is on the WHOLE CHILD concept.
- *Finance* (Chris) – met in July, budget is in deficit by \$150K. The parish will be sending 2 postal mailings per month to connect with parishioners.
- *Buildings and Grounds* – this is a sub-committee of Finance. They are still in discussion on the sale of the Sister's House and with the group that purchased St. Patrick's.
- *Stewardship Committee* (Bob) – Barbara is the staff person and will work with Julie and Bob (as council liaison) to strategize and form the group.

We will have the annual meeting before November.

Develop Pastoral Council Goals

The group brainstormed what they felt were priorities for the coming year:

- Getting people/families back to church - Church attendance
- Balanced budget – more money
- Participation from non-school families/faith formation
- Connecting School to the rest of the parish
- Keeping homebound and others engaged during COVID because of fear
- Bridge between Hispanic and Anglo communities

- Have spiritual conversations between us as a church
- Greater volunteering at the church

Three goals were identified to focus on for the next year:

- Engagement – conversations between people similar and different than you:
 - Spiritual History
 - Spiritual Goal
 - Pray with each other and for each other
 Father to take this goal back to the Amazing Parish Team
- Stewardship committee formation – group that focuses on time, treasure, and talent – Bob, Julie and Barbara will meet to strategize and start the group.
- Welcoming parishioners during COVID – parish council members welcome parishioners at church – either before or after mass. – Council members to make this a priority in the year and will report back at each meeting.

Reach out to Homebound

- **Call list and volunteers**

This task can be absorbed by either the Human Concerns committee or the new Stewardship committee.

Comments from Fr. Mike

- **Adoration Society**

Plans are moving forward but is not yet launched yet.

- **Update on Arrival of Fr. Onildo**

Looks like January before he can get to the United States. The Archdiocese will assign a temporary associate - Fr. Sergio. He will live at the rectory at St. John's and can assist until Fr. Onildo is able to get to the US. Fr. Key will also continue to help.

- **Options for expanding Mass capacity**

The group discussed the options for finding space for all parishioners when the Archbishop removes the dispensation for attending mass. The group agreed to add a Mass at 10:00 at the Parish Center. The schedule would be 4:30/8/10/12. Noon mass would be Spanish. Father is meeting with staff tomorrow – they will put a message in the newsletter summarizing the need to attend Mass and the additional Mass offering.

Closing Prayer – offered by Father Mike

Meeting ended at 9 pm

Upcoming dates:

Cornerstone Laying of Renovated Church: Tuesday, 9/29 @ 9 am

October PPC Meeting: 10/6 @ 7 pm – Church Narthex/Zoom