



Pastoral Council Meeting Agenda
April 15, 2021 6:30 p.m.
via Zoom

Attending: Fr. Chris Shofner, Jim Sullivan, Jeff Schultz, George Riviere and Joyce Swenson

- Opening Prayer – delivered by Father Shofner.
- Approve previous meeting minutes – Motion by Jim Sullivan, second by George Riviere to approve minutes of the last meeting. Motion approved.
- Old Business – most old business will be covered under the council activities.
- Fr. Shofner updates:

Current energies were focused on Easter services and now on First Communion and Confirmation which takes place at a special 12 noon mass Sunday, April 18.

Other pending activities are: May 5 Crowning at a faith formation mass; Baccalaureate May 23 at 7 p.m.; 2 weddings in June and others in September; possible evangelical efforts in May/June or during the summer months. Father indicated St. Joe's in Henderson will not be doing faith formation next year, so St. Anne's may receive some of those individuals.

- Pastoral Council activities
 - a. School/Church boiler maintenance – George Riviere met with John Knobbe, maintenance person about the boiler situation. After discussion, George feels John is on top of the situation. He has 3 individuals with boiler licenses whom he can call on if needed. Please see the attached report from George for details.
 - b. Pastoral Council election planning- Potential Candidate discussion – Jim Sullivan presented a tentative schedule and timeline line at the March meeting. (See attached) Possibly two spots will be open on the council: Dave Pfarr (completed 2 terms) and Jim Sullivan (completed one term). Potential candidates will be identified and contacted to run. If no interest, the positions will be opened to the congregation. Joyce Swenson questioned the position qualifications. A letter outlining these qualifications will be reviewed next month.
 - c. Buildings & Grounds- sidewalk replacement – Terry Genelin and Ron Schaffler worked with Kali Concrete from Belle Plaine to replace the sidewalks and some steps around church. The project has been completed on budget, pending the replacement of the railings.

George Riviere talked to Henry Endres to help identify a maintenance overseer replacement for Terry Genelin. Ben Hutton from Del's Construction was suggested. George Riviere will follow up with Ben Hutton. (This conversation is noted in the boiler maintenance report from George Riviere.)

Father noted other potential areas for maintenance: church parking lot, church roof (5-10 years out), church doors.

- d. Return to in-person meetings- discussion – the council decided to meet in person in May.
- Stewardship Committee updates – the committee continues to meet as a group and discuss ways to engage parishioners. They are looking for new members and have identified several. The fall Gala is scheduled for Oct. 29 and plans are moving forward.
 - Round Table - Share your concerns that you hear from parishioners or other relevant news. George Riviere commented on the music and servers at the Easter services – he felt it provided a special setting. Father indicated the Thursday service was well attended, Friday not so much, Saturday was small which is typical and Sunday Easter service was well attended, pushing spacing limits to the max. George also questioned burnout for Father.
- Joyce Swenson questioned the use of general absolution (Form 3 confession) as a possibility to relieve some of the stress during Easter and other busy times and also because she heard several parishioners had tried multiple times to wait in line for confession and had to return on a different date. Father indicated there were three forms of penance, and Form 3, or general absolution at a mass, was no longer permitted by the Archbishop. Father also encouraged parishioners to seek out confession at less busy times throughout the year. He explained parishioners tend to wait until the church holidays to receive the sacrament of penance.
- Schedule next meeting (tentative May 20, 6:30 PM - Location TBD) – the meeting will take place May 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Parish Center. Father will not be there because of a conflict with the 4th Degree Knights who meet that same evening. George will get the keys for the Parish Center to let council members in.
 - Closing Prayer – Father led the closing prayer. Joyce Swenson motioned to adjourn, George Riviere seconded the motion, the motion was approved and the meeting was closed.