

ST. JOHN'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2020

Present: Connie Wees, Pauline Pesek, Rachael Urban, Pat Costello, Deacon Tom Manhart, John Leise and Peggy Staup, Don Peters, Pam McCarville, Vince Kirby and Fr. Gnirk.

The meeting began with a prayer.

The minutes of February 25 were accepted. (Note, there was no March meeting because of Covid-19)

Connie Wees led the discussion about action steps for developing a welcoming space. The subject of server training came up and Fr. Gnirk said this takes place every Spring with Pat Caveye and Chuck Leo. All appropriate age students are encouraged to participate. Fr. Gnirk suggested that the focus be on getting back together since several weeks without parish Masses. Let's try to get back to some semblance of normal and then move forward. This may take several weeks, depending on the Virus. People have continued to live the Spirit of Generosity. Though collections have been down because of no Mass, people have continued to send in their envelopes, sign up for ACH and continued to support the food programs for COPE and Sienna Francis Houses.

Some disappointment was expressed in the number of people who stopped by the Ministry Fair on March 1. It was suggested that we also do a Wednesday evening as we did a couple of years ago.

Fr. Gnirk explained that the parish has tuition grants that people can apply for when sending their child to a Catholic High School. These are \$400, the same as the tuition subsidy paid by the parish to the Archdiocesan schools for each parish student attending that high school.

For membership, Connie is finishing her second term, Pam is finishing her first term and would prefer not to serve another at this time because of her daughter's high school activities. Vince has agreed to a second term.

Regarding the land sale, the lawyers for both parties continue in conversation.

Don Peters gave an update on construction progress. The new parking lot is poured. Footing have been poured and some block work done. The floor for the new addition should be poured April 29.

In Other Business, weekday Masses will start again on May 5 at 8:30 AM. Weekend Masses will begin at 5 PM on May 9 and 7:30 and 10 on May 10. Fr. Gnirk plans to do a video posting on Facebook and the website about various guidelines and what to expect when people return. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues to be suspended, so the 5 PM Saturday Mass will continue to be on Facebook live.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

Next meeting is May 26, 2020 at 7 PM.