

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes February 18, 2021

Members present via Zoom: Fr. Antony, Bob Baumann, Katrina Baumann, Fran Cautela, Mike DeBrosse, Elizabeth Effah, Kim Endres, Pete Hendey, Lance Lewis, Ginny Mack, Dianne McMillan, Dean Racine, Robin Racine, Bill Rectanus, Doug Schrage, Carol Shultz, and Kevin Stogran
Not Present: Jeff DeBrosse, Roger Heckel, and Leo Kome

- I. Minutes of the January meeting were reviewed with no corrections. Robin motioned to accept the Minutes and Ginny second the motion. Minutes approved.

- II. Fr. Antony's Report:
 - A. Father opened the meeting with a prayer.
 - B. Father reported the Diocese, with the help of the Catholic Leadership Institute, has a new campaign called *Real Presence Real Future* and includes a survey and 40 days of Adoration. The campaign will be announced next week at Mass, in the bulletin, on our website, and through Flocknotes. The 40 days of Adoration consists of 40 parishes hosting one Adoration day at their parish. This will also be announced as to which parishes are participating. Ginny will speak more on this diocesan-wide campaign. Ash Wednesdays Mass was well attended. The 6pm Mass has not been that widely attended for a while. The Parish Lenten Mission begins this weekend at the Masses with Fr. Blau, and the evening sessions will be Monday through Thursday beginning at 7pm. Father further reported that staffing the parish secretary is in process and should have a placement by mid-March.

- III. Comments from Chairperson: Kevin advised that our Liturgy & Spiritual Life representative, John Berni, took on a new job and resigned from his representative position. Doug Schrage will act in the capacity until a new representative can be appointed at a later date, and approved by Father. Everyone welcomed Doug.

- IV. Emerging Issues:
 - A. E-Mail Communication – Fran reported that we received an email that had nominated three people for Parish Council. An email reply was sent asking if the nominees were contacted for their permission. There was no further response, and those nominees will not be considered.
 - B. 2021 Parish Council Membership Election Process – Fran reported that announcements have been posted and the nomination forms are available on the church website, Narthex and Father's Flocknotes. The deadline for the nominations is February 28th. Announcements at Mass and postings should continue up to the deadline. Katrina inquired if we should contact past nominees. Kevin recommended that if there are no nominations forms submitted, then a follow up to those in the past could be made.

Committee Reports:

- A. Finance – Bob stated there is nothing new to report.
- B. Faith Formation - Ginny commented on the diocesan-wide campaign which Father previously mentioned. The campaign is near and dear to Bishop Brennan who has an agenda of

evangelization and discipleship. The end goal is to provide spiritual growth and parishioner engagement. The campaign kicked off Ash Wednesday and the survey rolled out. Surprisingly,

there were 2800 responses on the first day. This will be a one-year campaign organized by five people in the parish. The group of five is currently being formed, awaiting volunteer commitment. The survey takes about 10-15 minutes which will drive the data for all parishes and where they are on discipleship and faith. For the diocese, this survey data will provide them with mentorship and programs for the future. Paper surveys could be printed and picked up from the Narthex for those who do not have a computer or internet. Fran suggested a few be mailed out to those who are not able to come in. Ginny reported that our Faith Formation groups are meeting and going well considering the pandemic.

- C. Development Ministry – Bill reported the two projects they have been discussing. One is the communication during the pandemic and the other is our website. Bill stated he reached out to our current bulletin publisher, LPi, (who also hosts our website and our we share online contributions site) about our contract. There should be more to report at our next meeting.
- D. Knights of Columbus – Jeff was not present. Doug Schrage gave a short report that the Knights will hold a Lenten food drive, either a one-day event or a weekend event; details to follow.
- E. Liturgy & Spiritual Life – Doug reported the Parish Lenten Mission begins this weekend. Please get the word out. Before the Mission talks, confessions will be heard at 6pm, except Tuesday due to Mass. There are plans for a May crowning; details to follow. There will be Rosary in the month of May one half hour before the weekend Masses.
- F. St. Vincent de Paul – Robin reported the Food Pantry was open this past Wednesday and a call has been placed to see how many attended. There is another Food Pantry next Wednesday. Plans are in process to hold a clothing drive at the end of March or April; details to follow.

Other Concerns:

- A. Vimeo: Fran inquired as to Vimeo, a video recording program, and how we can get this working for our website so others have an option to view Mass online or for our upcoming Parish Lenten Mission. Kevin advised that there are approximately 400 videos and it is not possible to find the correct Mass to watch. There was discussion if the Vimeo program can organize folders to make it easier for those to find the correct video to watch. Dean recommended someone from St. Paul Parish to assist us with setting up and reorganizing the videos into folders.
- B. Next Meeting: Kevin advised that he will be out of town for the next meeting and Lance will conduct the meeting.

Closing Prayer – Kevin asked Dean to give the closing prayer.

Convened: 7:04pm

Adjourned: 7:56pm

Next Meeting: March 18, 2021