

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 14, 2021

ATTENDED BY: Ben Cutter, Rich DiMarco, Kim Fluet, Sue Gangemi, Mike Goonan, Karl Hamann, Megan Harold, Noah Lucia, Sue Reed, Ann Smith, Mary Beth Sullivan, Fr. Mike Bausch, Mike Lutz, Brooke Harold and Martha Jodoin.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Fr. Mike led us in the Clustering Prayer.
2. Sue Reed made a motion to accept the April 14 minutes. Seconded by Karl Hamann. All were in favor.
3. Mike Goonan reported that the cluster committee has been doing well. It is important to remember that our parishes are NOT combining. Karen Reinfiere says it has gone smoothly. It helped that because of covid we shared masses in the beginning.
4. Covid 19 update – There were complaints that people were not wearing masks in sections 1 and 2 in the church. A sign will be posted reminding people that in order to keep people and non-vaccinated people safe masks are required in section 1 beginning this coming weekend.
5. There were no additional comments about clustering.
6. Copies of the budget which was authorized by the Finance Council was reviewed. All were in agreement that this budget is affirmed by the Council.
7. We thank Joey Campagna for his work on the council. Our newly selected member, Mike Lutz, was welcomed. Mike taught at RIT for over 40 years. Fr. Gerry was at RIT too. Fr. Gerry left and started Transfiguration. Two years later Mike came to Transfiguration.
8. Mike Goonan suggested that we not select a council chair until the fall meeting. Some councils have new chairs every year. Selection of a new council chair needs to be on the September agenda.
9. No one addressed the council.
10. Pastor's Remarks – Copies of the balance sheet were distributed. We are doing well. Two estates have helped our financial status tremendously. From Partners in Faith we started an account at \$205,000 and it is now worth \$294,000 and to date we have given away \$134,000. Fr. Mike is pleased to have started this fund.
Verizon has given us a contract to pay us \$22,000 a year plus \$300 a month if they rent use to other cell companies. They will also build a three-car garage. The cell tower will look like a tree. Verizon will go to two town meetings. CMA update – With 419 pledges we are at 96.9% of our goal. We are short \$8,823.26 so that will need to come out of our savings. We currently have 1350 parishioner families and 900 families contribute to our finances. PERPETUAL CHARITY GRANT AWARDEES - Nine proposals came in. It was determined we would give \$7500 to the House of Mercy and \$7500 to Andrews Center. The Andrews Center helps handicapped or challenged youth in foster care.
11. Cluster Reports – Faith Formation – Kim Fluet reported that the Search retreat went well. Vacation Bible School will be in July. The Summer Playlist is available. Anne Gallagher's written report includes: Some Life-Long Faith Formation Highlights from the 2020-21 Covid year: Created a library of over 100 videos on our YouTube channel, creating resources for families to access anytime. Channel has had over 27,000 views in the last 365 days. 530 subscribers to our channel. Safely were able to gather families, teens, and adults in-person for formation programs and Sacramental preparation (many parishes did not meet in person at all). Set up the

foundations to engage families, teens, and adults at home, on our campus, and virtually as needed. Looking forward to continuing hybrid and flexible formation models into the coming years. Youth Ministry: welcomed 150 teens and leaders into our monthly YM gatherings for fellowship and accompaniment. Held our Search retreat in person at Notre Dame retreat house in Canandaigua! YM Peer Leaders: nurtured the growth of 30 peer leaders who lead YM small groups and created community and a safe place to share for our younger teens. Many of our peer leaders are recently confirmed who have committed to serve our faith community in this way. Prayer Playlist Library!: We now have 30 prayer playlists on our website to nurture the daily prayer lives of families, teens, and adults. A labor of love! Peace and Justice – No report. Ann Smith reported Margie Benza's Pastoral Report. LITURGY – As vaccines become more available and weather is breaking, we've welcomed back increasing numbers of parish family members to Mass. Protocols continue to be updated currently with a "mask optional" environment offering Social Distance seating (sections one and two) and other sections mask free and not socially distanced. The Matthew 17 has returned for the month of June offering contemporary style music for the last four Sunday 11AM Masses. We look forward to members offering their talents at other Masses as well as at future Praise and Worship events and youth ministry. Also, live singing has been offered at our 4:30PM and 9AM Masses. Fr. Mike will celebrate his last weekend Masses this weekend, 6/19-20 followed by his retirement picnic celebration. He will also be offering the last 9AM daily Mass on Tuesday, 6/29, his official retirement beginning at 6PM. We welcome Fr. Rob the weekend of 6/26-27 with our new Mass schedule at Transfiguration on Saturday at 4:00 PM and Sunday at 8:45 AM and at St. Catherine's on Saturday at 5:30PM and Sunday at 10:45AM. We look forward to the sharing of his gifts with our parish. PASTORAL: Some home pastoral visits have resumed by request. Hospital visitation is limited. Through the generosity of many, our weekly food drive continues offering support to Bethany House, Eastern Service Workers, House of Mercy, Sr. Regis Food Cupboard, St. Andrew's Food cupboards and some parishioners in need. As of July 1st, we will be returning to a monthly food collection. OTHER ACTIVITIES: Most direct outreach ministries continue to be suspended due to COVID awaiting request of return. YOUTH – Noah reported that youth group meets tomorrow. There will be an Out Reach Retreat. Search retreat was at Notre Dame. Fr. Mike said that he was able to hear some of the talks and that they were powerful. He said that Anne Gallagher has done a good job and relates well to young adults. GIFT GARDEN – Karl reported that the garden is planted. They will have garlic scapes available for people to take at mass this weekend. Someone asked if we will be having a Smores night as in the past. Sue Wallace and Margie Benza will be discussing this.

12. Fr. Mike said that in his 36 years of parish ministry he has been to around 280 parish pastoral council meetings or board meetings. We have been blessed to have him here and wish him well in his retirement. He led closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Jodoin