CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

December 13, 2021

ATTENDED BY: John Boroski, Ben Cutter, Rich DiMarco, Sue Gangemi, Gerry Gacioch, Mike Goonan, Karl Hamann, Megan Harold, Noah Lucia, Mike Lutz, Ann Smith, Mary Beth Sullivan, Fr. Rob Bourcy, Martha Jodoin, Maggy Mundschau, Sarah Gargano, Rose Volker, Ann Gallagher, Margie Benza and Ron Jodoin.

- 1. Following the Advent Prayer Service Sue called the meeting to order at 7:31p.m. Introductions were made.
- 2. Mike Goonan made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Ann Smith. The minutes were approved.
- 3. After some editing changes the constitution will be available on the website. An announcement will be made at mass the first two weekends in January and in the bulletin encouraging parishioners to read the constitution online and make comments to parish pastoral council members or Fr. Rob.
- 4. Fr. Rob introduced the Church Synod which is already available for participation. A synod is when the church gets together and discusses our opinions and plans for the future. Pope Francis wants this to be a synod of the people. There are ten social themes/ideas to be discussed. The staff is starting to talk about how we can gather people to discuss these themes. Certain groups may be more interested in some than others. We can encourage our existing groups such as the Green Committee, Men in the Spirit, Women in the Spirit, etc. to comment on these themes. All parishioners are invited to make comments on these themes, which are available on the Diocesan website. Parish Pastoral Council members are encouraged to visit the web site before the next meeting. We will then discuss what we want to do as a council. The opinions and comments will be collated and sent to the diocese hopefully in March.
- 5. New Business Ann Smith said that she received a question as to whether the websites of St. Catherine's and Transfiguration will be more in alignment. Right now, at St. Catherine's website you can request mass cards and add names to the prayer list. Ann will bring this question to the Cluster Committee Meeting.
- 6. Sarah and Maggy asked for more clarification as to what the Parish Pastoral Council does. The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body who discusses issues that face our parish and beyond. We need the ideas of the youth as they are the future of the church. They are considering being our new youth representative when Noah's term ends.
- 7. Ben reported that the men are going on retreat to Boonville in April after Easter. They are having a zoom meeting with Sr. Marge tomorrow to discuss what needs the residents have. Deacon Eric will be going on the retreat. Men will be recruited from St. Catherine's as well as Transfiguration.
- 8. Our next meeting will be January 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Respectfully Submitted, Martha Jodoin