

## St. John Evangelist Pastoral Council Meeting

November 17, 2020; 6:30 p.m., Virtual Meeting

**Present:** Fr Joe Dominic, Peter Bustos, Tracy Kissel, Lynn Miller, Julia Rodemeier, Bill Rutten, Toni Sarafin, Rich Tauferner, Audrey Waitkus, Tony Yetzer, Bridgett Zielke

**Absent:** Tom Reilly

**Guests:** None

- I. **Opening Prayer and Reflection** Bill Rutten
- II. **Review and Approve** (Audrey Waitkus 2<sup>nd</sup> Bridgett Zielke) 11/17/2020 PC Agenda Approved
- III. **Review and Approve** (Rich Tauferner 2<sup>nd</sup> Tracy Kissel) 10/20/2020 PC Minutes Approved
- IV. **Finance Council Report** Tony Yetzer stated the Financial Council had not met since the last meeting. Father Joe has asked Joyce Holstein to complete the annual financial report.
- V. **Committee Liaison Requests for Council Action** Lynn Miller said when liaisons were appointed at the last meeting, we failed to appoint one for the St. Anne's Society. Tracy Kissel agreed to take the position.
- VI. **Old Business**
  - A. **Strategic Planning:** Julia Rodemeier reported the Strategic Planning Committee met with the department designed to develop strategic plans at the Archdiocese, and will be consulting with them the plan moves forward to make sure the plan aligns with them. The Committee has developed the following mission statement for discussion and approval: "Together we praise God, grow in Christ, and carry the Holy Spirit forth in our community." The statement covers main points we received at the parishioners meetings and was designed to be short and easy to communicate.

Father Joe recommended adding "As a Catholic community, St. John Evangelist Parish of Kohler" to the beginning of the statement, but is happy with the rest. He would like it published for the parishioners before getting Parish Council approval for adoption. It will be put in the bulletin and emailed to all those who participated in the parishioner input meetings in September.

Julia Rodemeier said the Strategic Planning Committee is proceeding on interviewing committees which they hope to have completed by the end of December. Some good ideas were presented at the parishioner meetings, some of which have moved forward already including a buddy bench for the school and Christmas cards.
- VII. **New Business**
  - A. **Sunday Mass Times:** Father Joe announced the times for seven masses for between both churches for Christmas. Please convince people to attend masses other than 4 p.m. mass. It is vital ushers show people places to sit. Blessed Trinity has requested that St. John's consider switching Sunday mass times from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. or 8:00 a.m. so they can have mass at 8:00 a.m. or 9:30 a.m. Bill Rutten will have Gretchen Free create a survey via Survey Monkey to assess parishioner opinions of the new time. Letters will be sent to those parishioners without computer access. The survey is to go out the beginning of January so the results can be discussed at the January meeting.

B. Updated Pastoral Council Norms: Father Joe said information on Pastoral Council Norms were sent out with the agenda.

VIII. **Secretary Report** Father Joe did not report on any comments received.

IX. **Pastor's Comments** Father Joe discussed prayer networks at both churches. The Evangelization Committee had developed a network for families pray together. Susan Vavra is creating a prayer hotline for those who would like to pray with someone. The Evangelization Committee will send out Christmas cards again this year. Five new families have joined our parish. If they approve, their photos will be shown at mass. Ushers need to do a better job of helping parishioners find seating at mass. On December 13, Holy Eucharist will be dedicated to doctors, workers, and careworkers. Please invite those you know that are serving during this pandemic to this event.

X. **Volunteer to Lead Opening Prayer at Next Meeting** The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, January 19, 2021. Tom Reilly volunteered to lead the opening prayer.

XI. **Closing Prayer**

Fr Joe

Respectfully Submitted by

Lynn Miller

Secretary

Comment added later

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