

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

April 13, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

NOTE: 7pm Zoom call

ATTENDEES:Fr. Jim McNulty, Mark Tuttle, John Brady, Denise Brady, Terri Field, Deacon Don, Jane DeRoo, Elisabeth Johnston, Megan Szczypka Wolschleger, Alex Mager

ABSENTEES:Joe Bertrand, Renee Billotto, Deb Beaman

- I. OPENING PRAYER – John
- II. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES – Approved
- III. CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS
 - a. Holy Week and Easter celebrations were very well done and sending special applause to the Worship Committee.
 - b. Discuss Parish Council meeting schedule for remainder of the year.
- IV. FR. JIM’S COMMENTS
 - a. Easter – All went well!
 - i. Masses were appreciated more than ever considering we could not celebrate in church last year.
 - ii. Sign-ups for attendance accomplished original intentions of evenly distributing the attendance throughout the Easter Masses.
 - b. Families of Parishes – Fr. Jim received official letter that he’d be the Pastor assigned to this parish for the next 6 years.
 - c. Parish Hall (50-person capacity) serves as a “safety net” for overflow of people who may not have signed up prior to Mass. According to ushers, no one has left Mass because they have been directed to the simulcast in Parish Hall.
 - d. Due to recent increase in cases in Michigan, we are basing our decision to continue sign-ups for the next few weeks.
 - e. The AOD does not have a “return to Mass” plan but has left it to each parish to determine what works for them in terms of capacity.
 - f. Hymnals will be placed back in the pews for people to use if they choose to sing. Bulletin will still include weekly readings.
 - g. Intend to replace current tabernacle with repurposed one from either AOD or another parish and relocate tabernacle from current location to the sanctuary “front and center”. Fr. Jim to consult with Gene Zawisa on ideas.
- V. GOALS & OBJECTIVES – REVIEW & DISCUSS
 - a. Ideas and examples (Google document) – Elisabeth
 - i. Successful in collecting more than 50 items.

- ii. Organize the list into groups – church, Mass, school, finances, community, etc. Need to consolidate duplicates on the list.
 - iii. This list serves as an assessment of the Covid year from the Parish Council. We see the light at the end of the tunnel and appreciate the present. All throughout this past year, we continued to make strides forward with the mentality of what can we do versus what can't we do.
 - iv. Megan and Terri to draft a bulletin article to be published. This will be shared with Parish Council first prior to
- b. Share any Commission questions or comments – None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Member-at-Large positions to be filled this upcoming year. Invitation for first position extended to Megan who will discern on it within the next few weeks. Fr. Jim asking Parish Council members for referrals for second position.
- b. Next meeting scheduled virtually in May as usual on second Tuesday of the month. Meetings throughout summer months June, July, and August will continue as virtual meetings unless determine not needed closer to each of those meetings.
- c. Fish Fry
 - i. Good Friday meals count was 995 (compared to 1033 in 2019). This year's weekly average was 814 (compared to 902 in 2019).
 - ii. All curbside carryout with limited menu provided. Feedback was overwhelming positive from both customers and volunteers alike.
- d. Due to the decrease in cash from weekly offerings, would we consider having offering baskets in the gathering area or on the altar as people go to Communion? Slot in the book rack is locked and is the current option to collect cash at weekend Masses. Jane will discuss with ushers the option of passing baskets during Mass.
- e. Parish Picnic alternative options are being discussed.

VII. MAY 11, 2021 MEETING

- a. Opening prayer volunteer – Deacon Don
- b. Closing prayer volunteer – Elisabeth

VIII. CLOSING PRAYER – Mark