

## PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

December 14, 2021

### MEETING MINUTES

**Attendees:** Mark Tuttle, Terri Field, Fr. Jim McNulty, John Bodnar, Elisabeth Johnston, Denise Brady, John Brady, Deb Beaman, Megan Wolschleger, Deacon Don Esler, Alex Mager, Jane DeRoo, Joe Bertrand

**Absentees:** Renee Billotto

- I. OPENING PRAYER – John
- II. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES – Approved
- III. CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS
  - a. Megan cannot attend January meeting. Mark requests PC member contact him within next month to volunteer as substitute as PC Secretary for that meeting.
  - b. If wondering whether or not our parish still seen as a welcoming community, Mark shared a personal testimonial on behalf of a new parishioner who said they immediately felt “hugs” and the sense of community when they entered the church doors for Mass. This parishioner has already made connections with fellow parishioners by volunteering.
- IV. FR. JIM’S COMMENTS
  - a. Approval is required for liquor license for both annual Valentine’s Dinner and the school’s Ladies Night Out. PC members motioned to approve.
  - b. Youth Minister is currently vacant since Josh recently departed from his role. He left on good terms and plans to return briefly for confirmation and retreat in 2022. Deacon Don will fill in for Josh in interim. The three volunteers will continue with their current roles. Linda Kramer will head up the confirmation. Top interest to replace Josh is someone with social work background and to be utilized in both the school and church. The goal is to increase engagement in more meaningful service activities particularly for the youth of the parish – school and church. The expected timeline for recruiting to commence in January 2022. It is expected to be a full-time position. Elisabeth recommended reaching out to OLGC and St. Michael schools because they both have social workers on staff.
  - c. School students remained in-person school throughout the past month following the recent Oxford shooting. Teachers and students had previously gone through active shooting training and feel prepared.
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - a. VICARIATE – No recent meetings since pandemic.
  - b. CHRISTIAN SERVICE – No meeting this month. Expect report next month.

c. EDUCATION

- i. Movie night had lower attendance than expected.
- ii. Religious education classes are in-person.
- iii. Trunk-or-Treat and Nativity pageant took place and were well attended.
- iv. See additional notes regarding CYO in New Business section.

d. EVANGELIZATION

- i. Welcoming Committee to resumed.
  1. Signup Genius to be sent out at the beginning of the month.
  2. Attend both first weekend of the month post-Mass gatherings and the weekly coffee & donuts gatherings to reach
  3. Welcome people from other parishes visiting the church while attending sporting events in the gym on the weekends.
- ii. Upcoming meeting scheduled for January 2022.
- iii. Deacon Don recently joined Livonia Chamber of Commerce. St. Edith can publicize our events on their monthly communication. Presents opportunity

e. SENIORS – Nothing to report at this time.

f. WORSHIP

- i. Monthly meeting scheduled for tomorrow December 15<sup>th</sup>.
- ii. Preparation for Christmas is ongoing.
- iii. Organ project is ongoing but any delays due to supply chain challenges in the current economy.
- iv. Has there been any discussion on audio visual (AV) equipment upgrades? Answer is not at this time. The volunteers continue to do a great job and have not expressed any complaints in terms of AV equipment. It is expected that streaming weekend Mass will continue.
- v. Christmas concert will be recorded and shared virtually following the performance.

g. FINANCE

- i. Previously reported the loose change shortage throughout the pandemic. Since passing the baskets resumed in October, loose change collection increased from \$800 to \$2,000 weekly average.
- ii. Various relatively small expenditures cost approximately \$5k.
- iii. Currently in FY21, we are ahead of budget for school, and behind budget for the church. Overall, we are doing well financially as a parish.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. First weekend of the month post-Mass gatherings commenced in December. Feedback was well received. Relatively lower attendance (pizza dinner – 48, spaghetti dinner – 150) than pre-pandemic expected due to lower attendance at Masses. CYO Mass scheduled for February 6<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm Mass, which expected to increase attendance at spaghetti dinner.
- b. Christmas Mass distribution
  - i. Simulcast the 4 pm Children’s Mass in the Parish Hall.
  - ii. Stream the 4 pm Children’s Mass and midnight Mass.

- c. CYO
  - i. Leadership
    - 1. Athletic Director, Bill Williams, recently stepped down from role after 2 years. Team is grateful for his leadership and hard work.
    - 2. CYO Board approve new roles: John Szewc as AD, Megan Szczypka Wolschleger as Co-Asst. AD, and Jackie Cook as Co-Asst. AD.
  - ii. Fish Fry
    - 1. Considering both options – drive-thru and/or dine-in – for upcoming Lenten season. Drive-thru was more profitable and required less volunteers. Dine-in provides more community building opportunities.
    - 2. Final decision needs to be made no later than PC meeting on 2/8.
  - iii. St. Patrick's Day Party
    - 1. Scheduled offsite at Monaghan Banquet Center and Catering on Saturday, March 12, 2022.
    - 2. CYO volunteers will run this event and raise funds. Important to note that all are welcome! Parishioners, school parents, CYO parents encouraged to attend and bring friends because it's an opportunity to evangelize.

VII. January 11, 2022 MEETING VOLUNTEERS

- a. Opening prayer – Deacon Don
- b. Closing prayer – Terri
- c. Secretary – TBD

VIII. CLOSING PRAYER – Deb