

## PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

February 9, 2021

### MEETING MINUTES

**NOTE: 7pm Zoom call**

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

**ABSENTEES:**Joe Bertrand

- I. OPENING PRAYER – Deb
- II. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES – Approved
- III. CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS
  - a. Joe Bertrand wishes everyone a happy new year and says he misses everyone. He will return to PC meetings when the meetings resume in face-to-face.
  - b. Thank you to Fr. Jim, the church staff, the school staff, and everyone who played part in keeping St. Edith parish open throughout the pandemic. The sense of humanity and community remains, and spirits are high all thanks to you.
  - c. Goals & Objectives
    - i. Those goals and objectives from last year will be distributed to PC Council prior to the next meeting to be reviewed.
    - ii. Focus of the next meeting is to discuss and determine how they can be adjusted if needed.
- IV. FR. JIM’S COMMENTS
  - a. Mass update
    - i. Dispensation - Extended through March 13, 2021. Following that date, if you are ill, health compromised, showing flu like symptoms, pregnant, recently exposed to Covid, caring for someone sick, suffering from significant fear or anxiety of becoming sick, you are dispensed.
    - ii. Capacity – Ropes in every other pew will remain in place to limit 50% capacity. It is to be determined if/when signups are needed for weekend Masses.
    - iii. Ash Wednesday – School children will stream from their classrooms and receive ashes from teachers. Cotton balls will be used to distribute ashes.
    - iv. Easter – Signups are expected to be the same process as Christmas Masses.
  - b. Families of Parishes
    - i. Moderators of the Family expected to be assigned by end of February.

- ii. Pastors of the Family expected to be assigned by end of March and projected to be in place for six years and primarily serving their respective parishes.
- c. Fish Frys are scheduled to resume for Lent and will be curbside, which is appreciated!
- d. Gospel of Life group and Fishers of Men resumed meeting onsite.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. VICARIATE – No update.
- b. CHRISTIAN SERVICE
  - i. K of C having food collection for St. Christine’s Soup Kitchen in February.
  - ii. Easter outreach is Alms Giving for five different groups throughout Lent. Schedule of groups and respective items requested will be publicized in bulletin and should be on parish website, too. Lent/Easter card mailed out including schedule. Items can be brought to weekend Mass or dropped off in the church gathering space. Items collected during Mass should be brought to the gathering space instead of the altar in the church during Mass.
- c. EDUCATION
  - i. School
    - 1. Catholic Schools Week was focused on faith, excellence, and service. It was a great week for the school!
    - 2. Virtual open house was a success. It could be accessed via the school website. Currently, there is an appreciation video being shared throughout social media, which has received many views.
    - 3. SEPA
      - a. Tuition raffle for 2021-2022 school year. Drawing is scheduled for 2/15.
    - 4. Religious Education
      - a. Reconciliation – Fr. Jim will solely conduct this sacrament. Split into 3 groups scheduled for 2/20, 2/27, 3/6.
      - b. Confirmation – Bishop will come as usual to the church to conduct this sacrament. Split into 2 days for 5/18 & 5/19.
- d. EVANGELIZATION – No update. Meeting scheduled for February. Ready to reboot some programs and discuss how to evangelize in the new normal. New program called “Rise” will be discussed.
- e. SENIORS – No update.
- f. WORSHIP
  - i. January meeting update included the following:
    - 1. Completed Christmas season recap and lessons learned.
    - 2. Singing parts of the Mass returned and are appreciated by parishioners.
    - 3. Music lyrics are not often ready when bulletins are published and are not the same for all Masses throughout the weekend.
  - ii. February meeting scheduled for Wednesday 2/10.

g. FINANCE

- i. Organ project is in progress and only \$7k short of meeting the cost.
- ii. Expenses are up but not significant and mainly due to Covid-related PPE.
- iii. Weekly offerings are down but not significant and mainly due to decrease in loose cash.
- iv. Christmas collection was \$1,500 more than last year.

VI. NEW BUSINESS – No update.

VII. MARCH 9, 2021 MEETING – OPENING & CLOSING PRAYER VOLUNTEER

- a. Opening prayer – Megan
- b. Closing prayer – Renee

VIII. CLOSING PRAYER – Terri