

## PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

March 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 SzczypkaWolschleger, Alex Mager

**ABSENTEES:** Joe Bertrand, Renee Billotto

- I. OPENING PRAYER – Megan
- II. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES – Approved
- III. CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS – None
- IV. FR. JIM’S COMMENTS
  - a. Weekend Masses
    - i. Dispensation scheduled to end this weekend March 13<sup>th</sup>.
    - ii. Sign-Up Genius is planned for this weekend in case of a surge, and capacity is set to 200 people to allow for social distancing in church and chapel. Tentative plan is to use Sign-Up Genius until Easter and then reevaluate.
    - iii. Simulcast is expected to be in the parish hall to accommodate for overflow of 200 attendees. Simulcast in the parish hall capacity adds 50 people to original 200 count.
    - iv. Be mindful that ushers are the people who must direct people into the parish hall if church and chapel are filled.
    - v. Intent of the Sign-Up Genius is to more evenly distribute attendees throughout the weekend Masses.
    - vi. Adding a Mass is an option but not ideal. If added, it would be temporary. If added, original weekend Mass schedule does not change. Consider adding a Mass on Saturday evening if total weekend attendance is consistently greater than 600 people.
    - vii. Parish Council members to share weekly Mass attendance records as well as parishioners’ feedback via email to keep weekly pulse on this topic.
  - b. Easter Masses
    - i. Sign-Up Genius planned to be used.
    - ii. Easter Vigil is scheduled for 8 pm. Easter Sunday is scheduled for 8:30 am, 11 am, and 12:30 pm.
  - c. Families of Parishes
    - i. Fr. Gary at St. Colette is confirmed as the Moderator but plans to retire in two years.
    - ii. Timing as originally planned is July 2021.

V. GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- a. Overall, current reality presents opposition to evangelization. In-person interaction is severely limited due to pandemic. We will continue to prioritize adapting as much as possible.
- b. Goal I
  - i. Objective I.2 – *Unleash the Gospel* is indeed still relevant and should remain within our objective.
  - ii. Objective I.5 – Elisabeth is to contact survey representative to see if survey is still an option for future use.
  - iii. Objective I.6 – Define role as a Parish Council member, reintroduce current Parish Council members, share the examples of the things that Parish Council *did* do this past year despite inabilities and restrictions imposed by the pandemic.
- c. Goal II
  - i. Objective II.1 – Determine status of the marketing committee. Revamping the committee is a priority now more than ever.
- d. Parish Council tasks prior to next meeting in April include:
  - i. If there are new ideas and/or specific examples of editing, adding or removing something in the goals and objectives, email to Mark Tuttle.
  - ii. Elisabeth is to create Google document and distribute email to Parish Council members, so they can list examples of all that St. Edith Parish has done throughout the past year during the pandemic.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Fish Fry update
  - i. Meal count includes week 1 – 652, week 2 – 801, week 3 – 789.
  - ii. The average is 750 meals compared to average 900 meals in 2019.
  - iii. Feedback from guests have been outstanding and are appreciative!
  - iv. Consider passing out weekly bulletins while people are waiting in line.

VII. APRIL 13, 2021 MEETING

- a. Meeting scheduled to be on Zoom at least until April 14, 2021.
- b. Opening prayer volunteer – John
- c. Closing prayer volunteer – Mark

VIII. CLOSING PRAYER – Renee