

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday August 6, 2020 @ 7:30 PM
Gathering Space

Attendance:

Present: Gayle Hotchkiss, George Riesselmann, Lori Sennett, Kathy Schmidt, Charity Mulenga, John Breiten, Debbie Leach, Nichole Ferrera, Deb Burns, Roger Kemman

Staff: Father Mike, Laura Warzecha, Randy Gracyalny, Cassandra Letcher, Trevor Seivert, Marianne Giovingo

Excused: Amy Jacobson, Sela Mejia

Opening Prayer:

- Fr. Mike

Gospel Reading

- Matthew 14:22-33 "Command me to come to you on the water."

Evangelization:

- Laura gave newsletter overview.
 - o Topics
 - What is the Gospel?
 - What is Evangelization?
 - What is the New Evangelization?
 - Why is New Evangelization necessary?
 - o Discussion Topic for Council: How am I currently living like Christ?
 - o Discussion topic for next meeting: How can I improve?
 - o Evangelization team will meet in August.

COVID Update:

- No big changes, strong protocol remains
- Could use more volunteers for the after-Mass sanitizing crew.
- Mass attendance: 5 PM (70 – 80), 8 AM (80 – 100), 10:30 AM (65)
 - o Randy will check online Mass views

Approval of Minutes:

- General approval by voice

Approval of Meeting Agenda:

- General approval by voice

Commission Reports:

Pastoral Care

- Credit and thanks for tireless, professional parishioner-led team effort from the following ministries:

--Respite Care Ministry: 1) such as keeping us up to date on facility visiting policies 2) advising families concerning their loved ones as they transition to facility care vs home care and 3) follow-up with care of homebound and facility care partners and families during extended pandemic isolation.

--Seasons of Hope Grief Group: finishing up an entire year of support! 4 "seasons" since last Fall, total of 6 sessions each = 24 gatherings in-person and/or virtually.

Liturgy

- Commission met July 28th
- Watched "The Pandemic of Racism Before the Pandemic" and discussed

Education

- School (Trevor)

- Enrollment now at 147 / School capacity is 160 with COVID 19 safety precautions
- 96 Chrome Books have been purchased for increased enrollment
- Staff meetings are discussing COVID plans to safely open school On August 26th
- Searching for 5th Grade teacher (offered contract to candidate today)
- Will add a Teacher's Aide position due to the increased enrollment

- Faith Formation (Marianne)

- Marianne discussed the Edge Program for the 6-7-8 grades
- In person high school formation, and those middle schoolers who meet on Sunday will begin on Sunday, September 13th
- In person Grades 1-8 formation will begin Wednesday, September 9th

- Spring Fling (Nichole)

- Spring Fling was cancelled because of COVID so items will be added to Fall Festival on line Auction

- Youth Ministry

- Sacrament of Confirmation will be August 29, Bishop Donald Hying will Confirm students
- In the process of assembling a Faith Formation Core Team
 - Confirmed young adults and teens to reach out to teens

- Child Care (Cassandra)

- Continuously reviewing COVID safety protocols/ things are going well
- A teaching position has opened. Candidate search has begun.

Social Justice (Kathy)

- Relief Fund being established for minorities hard hit by COVID
- Keep in touch with Flock Notes for more information
- Caritas assisting over 500 families in recent months
- Family Promise is very active with 22 families on waiting list

Parish Life and Stewardship (Randy)

- No meeting.
- Raffle/Auction postcard with raffle ticket package
- Considering Drive-Through Fish Fry this fall

Finance (Roger Kemman)

- Offertory/Envelopes ended the fiscal year at 99.4% of budget (OLA members were very generous and it is very much appreciated)
- Departments are keeping expenses in-line with budget
- Received \$231K in PPE funds / projected a 91 K surplus with PPE
 - PPE forgiveness applications on hold at current time
- School capacity is 160 students, 147 currently enrolled.

New Business

Good of the Parish

- 15 LBH attendees at OLA put in a Gaga Ball Pit by the playground for a service project.
- Randy complemented and thanked Marianne Stanton, Jeanne Berner and Nicole Boylan for their efforts and great help coping with COVID issues.

Next Meeting: September 3, 2020

Closing Prayer: Randy