

# PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

February 23, 2021

**Present:** Jane Gehlhausen, Pam Freyberger, Van Ziegler, Fr. Andrew, Fr. Eugene, Fr. Homero, Ben Schwenk, Max Verkamp, Tracie Ihle, Jason Messmer, Lynn Scheu, Mike Hagerdon, Dan Fritch, Bridgette Bartley, Patty Brosmer, Patty Mills, & Mike Mills

**Absent:** Carmen Miranda, Yesica Miranda

**Opening Prayer** – Van led us in prayer

The 7:00 pm meeting was called to order by Van Ziegler.

Jason Messmer made a motion and Lynn Scheu seconded the motion to accept the January Meeting Minutes. All were in favor of approval.

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Streaming Updates** – *Dan Fritch*
  - a. Streaming to YouTube and Facebook is occurring for the Saturday evening Mass at 4:30 pm. Have had some technical difficulties and have been working through them.
2. **Implement Google Doc** – *Mike Hagerdon*
  - a. Fr. Andrew has taken the lead on this and will be prioritizing after Easter.
3. **SOP for Cancellation of weekday Masses due to weather** – *Fr. Eugene*
  - a. Morning Weekday Mass at 8 am will be cancelled if the Jasper City Offices or County Courthouse are closed due to bad weather.

## OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Update on Diocese Guidelines for Health measures** – *Father Eugene*
  - a. Expecting Dubois County to go to the Yellow advisory level this week which will increase the number of people that can participate in church activities outside of Mass.
2. **Church Renovation Update** – *Van Ziegler*
  - a. Meeting scheduled for the team tomorrow.
  - b. Discussing where to hold Mass when the church is closed for the one-year interior renovation.
  - c. An insert, providing an update on the renovation, will be in the bulletin in an upcoming week.
3. **Capital Campaign Timeline Update** – *Fr. Eugene*
  - a. Reviewed the Capital Campaign process. Kick-off with team captains will be held on Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. The capital campaign will run through April. Details of the campaign plan were shared.
    - i. Discussed ways to keep parishioners engaged during the construction with periodic updates.
4. **Net Ministry** – *Fr. Eugene*
  - a. Net Ministry has approved us. Fr. Andrew has met with other area parishes and received their support. Fr. Andrew has secured a van for their transportation during their stay here. The goal would be to start in early September and follow the school calendar. The ministers will stay with host families for two to three week durations.
  - b. The commitment is one year with the potential of a 3 to 5 year program.

## COMMISSION REPORTS:

**FINANCE:** *Dan reported*

- **January Financial Review**
  - Budgeted Income       \$840,257
  - Actual Income         \$832,028
  - Variance               (\$8,229)
  
  - Budgeted Expenses     \$828,754
  - Actual Expenses       \$767,859
  - Variance               \$ 60,895
- **Sunday Collections**

- 2020 31 collections \$648,882 Average \$20,932
- 2019 30 collections \$604,272 Average \$22,896
- **2020 CPC Assessment \$310,085**
  - Budgeted a \$45,000 shortfall and are currently around a \$50,000 shortfall.
  - Pledges received \$256,294 (82.7% of Goal)

**PARISH SPIRITUAL LIFE:** *Tracie reported*

- Goretti Award recipients for the parish are Amaya Knies and Lauren Verkamp.
- The annual Seder Meal will be held at Holy Family Sunday, March 28 at 4:30PM.
- Solemnity of Saint Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary is March 19<sup>th</sup> Saint Joseph Parish will have a vigil Mass on Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30PM.
- Stations of the Cross - Noon and 6PM on Good Friday in addition to the Friday evening 6PM stations throughout Lent.

**EVANGELIZATION & OUTREACH:** *Lynn reported*

- RCIA group this year has 14 people which includes youths and adults.
- Conducted a SWOT analysis on Evangelization and Outreach in their February meeting.
- 40 Days for Life started tonight.

**PARISH COMMUNITY LIFE:** *Patty & Mike reported*

- Discussions on Senior Dinner alternatives occurred but not yet finalized.
- Held meeting on the Parish Picnic and looking at possibilities of how to safely hold the event.

**LATINO:** *Fr. Homero reported*

- 40 Days with St. Joseph started. A small St. Joseph statue is moving from family to family over the 40 days.
- 3 Latino lay ministers have resigned for various reasons.
- Planning a Spanish Cursillo this summer in June for the men and in July for the women.

**SUCCESS STORIES/OTHER BUSINESS**

- New parish website has been well received, and we have received inquiries from people on becoming more active in the parish.
- One of the German exchange students will be working with Van on keeping up his organ skills.

**Closing Prayer:** Fr. Eugene led us in prayer.

The next meeting will be **March 23, 2021 at 7:00 pm** in Kundek Hall.

**Submitted by:** Max Verkamp