

PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

June 30, 2020

Present: Anne, Brosmer, Jason Messmer, Moises Basilio, Pam Freyberger, Ann Rasche, Chris Wickman, Mike Hagerdon, Van Zigler, Dan Fritch, Bridgette Bartley, Jane Gehlhausen, Ben Schwenk, Lynn Scheu, Patty Brosmer, Fr. Eugene, Fr. Andrew, Fr. Homero, Maricela Angeles, Tracie Ihle, Jacqueline Ripberger

Absent: Anna Hayden, Max Verkamp,

Opening Prayer – Fr. Eugene led us in prayer

The 7:05 pm meeting was called to order by Anne Brosmer.

The minutes were approved on line.

Introductions were done by all. Maricela Angeles is our new Holy Trinity parent representative.

New Business

1. Budget – *Dan Fritch presented*

- a. Do not change weekly collection amount
- b. Total 2019/20 \$1,489,640.00 compared to Total 2020/21 \$1,416,701.00
- c. Received \$150,570.00 from government for PPE.
- d. Strategic plan changes have not been factored in. As the changes are identified those inputs will be reviewed.
- e. Sacristan role, once Chris leaves, will be done by a combination of volunteers.
- f. Insurance – do we every look for other providers? Answer: it is diocesan, and it is a very competitive at this time. They share in the costs when rates go up drastically.
- g. What about renovation costs? Answer: A test with top 20 donors is planned to be done in the next few weeks as a litmus test to see if we can get enough to give us comfort to move ahead or whether we need to hold. This is not currently in the budget. We would have to raise 80% of the money up front before we can start the renovation.
- h. TV Mass - no change in costs. Does moving it to streaming save money? We received a grant to assist with this. Otherwise streaming would cost \$1000/mo.
- i. Missalettes cost is lower due to not being able to have them in church for the next 6-8 mo to COVID. The company we use currently does not have bilingual. When we can get them the question was raised about moving to a bilingual missalette in the future.
- j. Thank you to Jane and Fr Andrew for their hard work in reducing expenses by \$72,000 in budget.
- k. Jason moved to approve the budget. Ann Rasche seconded.

2. Parish Center Opening – *Fr. Eugene reported*

- a. Bishop has approved parish center reopening. We must do social distancing or wear masks.
- b. Bereavement meals are restarting for immediate family. Ex: Deceased's spouse, children, grandchildren, siblings.
- c. Commissions can begin meeting.
- d. Other gatherings are case by case basis based on whether we can abide by the diocesan guidelines.
- e. Meeting host/attendees must ensure cleaning is done afterward.
- f. It was suggested to post the social distancing/mask guidelines in various locations ex: doorways

3. Parish Council Elections – Fr. Eugene reported

- a. Fr. Eugene has a suggestion that we move to a smaller parish council. The smaller the group the more intimate it can be. This can be accomplished by not holding elections as people's terms expires. The idea is to reduce from 10 to 6 at large members. At large members would still be the majority.
- b. Bridget pointed out that the parish council meetings have 17 attendees made of parish council and commission representatives. Goal is to have 6 at large members + 5 commission representatives.

4. Strategic Plan Approval – *Anne held vote*

- a. Motion to approve was made by Van. Jason seconded. All in favor. No one opposed.

Old Business:

1. **Evangelization & Outreach** – *Mike reported*
 - a. USDA distribution coordination between Redemption and St. Joseph was extremely successful.
 - b. St. Ferdinand set up a distribution there. St. Celestine and Dubois are in the process of setting up their distribution.
 - c. The current plan is to do distributions every 2 wks. The USDA has approved this distribution through August.
 - d. The outpouring of volunteers was outstanding. They had a lot of fun and there were many smiles.
 - e. Looking at having Kona ice here for distribution.
 - f. People were here to do shredding
 - g. Blood drive done twice in the bus in North parking lot.
 - h. Next distribution is July 8. They are looking for alternative locations. Police are supportive of wherever we might do this.
2. **Renovation Report** – *Fr. Eugene reported*
 - a. Discussed HU system for heating and air due to noise of the current system. They determined they should look for other options that are lower cost.
 - b. Discussed Fund Raising proposal & top 20 donor conversations.
 - c. Tentative presentation date to parish is 2nd week in August.
 - d. Next meeting for group will be in July.
3. **Public Mass Status** - *Fr. Eugene reported*
 - a. Mass counts are climbing up
 - b. Weddings, Funerals and Baptisms are being held
4. **Parish Picnic Update** – Ben reported
 - a. Ideas for alternative event for this year – Oct 17 or 18, afternoon/evening event, social gathering, still have raffle, baskets, food booths, include music, downscaled picnic for 3 hrs. Goal – Food, Fellowship and Fun.
5. **Building and Grounds** – Fr. Eugene reported
 - a. Kenny is putting together 5 yr plan. The group has some really good ideas ex: doing spring and fall clean up.
 - b. They have been doing a lot of work on the grounds. There are several volunteers that have stepped forward.
 - c. This will be a subcommittee of the Finance Commission

COMMISSION REPORTS:

FINANCE: *reported*

- Nothing additional to report

EDUCATION: *Pam reported*

- June - 1st communions held on Saturdays, the smaller groups made it more intimate.
- VBS at home through CATCHAT was quite successful.
- Keep the use of LaCasa for Children's release time in your prayers that the parents are open to it.
- Mid Sept MS and HS classes start.

SOCIAL CONCERNS: *Lynn reported*

- No Meetings, no bingos, no shut in visitations
- Respect Life group did get together at the grotto on Saturday to pray.
- Money towards Safe Haven Baby Box – approved, Location will be Ferdinand Fire Station.

LITURGY: *Fr. Eugene reported*

- Has not met since COVID
- RCIA group – brought in candidate and catechumens.
- Adult choir will not be singing or practicing, in the near future, due to COVID. We do have a musician and cantor at 9:30 mass. Youth choir singing will be assessed later after school is back in session.

YOUTH:

- Have been reaching out virtually due to events being cancelled.
 - Holding girls small group bible study is going.
 - Going to start small group for MS Boys
 - Doing a biweekly newspaper on line –

- Middle School did 2-day mini retreat – Bohnert park and God’s Country
- Going to hold Bosco reunion outdoors in July
- More details in monthly update

INTERCULTURAL MINISTRY: *Moises reported*

- Latino group has been impacted by COVID-19. Lost people in the community.
- Started with 30 people at mass. Up to 50 people this past weekend.

DEBRIEF OF PROCESS: *Van led*

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| + +Well Planned | -Turn speakers up |
| + Able to Zoom | -Hard to hear on Zoom |
| + Great discussion, move forward | -Microphone/speaker |
| +Thankful to be here | -Increased communication |
| +Repeating questions from those and for those on Zoom | -Action plan |
| +Good Distancing | -Organizational Chart |
| +Seeing body language | |
| +Good to be in building | |
| +Different Conversations | |
| +Fewer side conversations | |
| +Both face and technology | |
| +Good spirit of collaboration | |
| +Moving forward on things | |

SUCCESS STORIES/OTHER BUSINESS

- USDA distribution
- St Mary’s Ireland – now moved into their church

Closing Prayer: Fr. Andrew led us in prayer.

The next meeting will be **July 28, 2020 at 7:00 pm** via Zoom and in Parish Center

Submitted by: Lynn Scheu