

# PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

October 27, 2020

**Present:** Jane Gehlhausen, Patty Brosmer, Van Ziegler, Fr. Eugene, Fr. Andrew, Max Verkamp, Tracie Ihle, Bridgette Bartley, Jason Messmer, Dan Fritch, Mike Hagerdon, Fr. Homero

**Absent:** Jacqueline Ripberger, Anna Hayden, Lynn Scheu, Moises Basilio, Carmen Miranda, Pam Freyberger, Ben Schwenk

**Opening Prayer** – Fr. Eugene led us in prayer

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

September Meeting Minutes had been approved online.

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. **New Commission Leaders** – *Van*
  - a. Discussed the opening positions we have and potential candidates.
2. **Update on Diocese Guidelines for Health measures** – *Father Eugene*
  - b. Dispensation for Mass has been indefinitely extended by the Bishops of Indiana due to COVID.
  - c. Letter sent to the over 65, high risk, and home bound parishioners letting them know that Communion can be brought to them.
  - d. Live Stream over flow for weekend Masses in Kundek Hall was discussed. Set-up date for the technology is set for November 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - e. Christmas Mass schedules across the area will be discussed in November with the other priests of the deanery.
3. **Church Renovation Update** – *Van*
  - a. Getting close to finalizing design development which is required prior to review and approval by the Diocese.
  - b. Funding Request Approved:
    - a. \$12,000 for decorative painting rendering for Church options from three studios
  - c. Important Dates:
    - a. Parish Design Development & Budget Presentations (Tentative)
      - i. Multiple communications to the Parish in the month of November
        1. Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm
        2. Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> after 9:30 am Mass
    - b. We are confirmed with the Diocese to present the Church Design Development for the following:
      - i. Diocesan Building Commission      Wednesday, December 9, 2020
      - ii. Diocesan Finance Council              Thursday, December 17, 2020
4. **Capital Campaign Update** – *Dan*
  - a. Must receive formal approval by the Diocese at December meetings prior to starting the campaign. Look to kick off the campaign in mid-January and run it for about 4 months.
  - b. Goal would be to start the construction project in September or October.
5. **Parish Communication Plan of the new Strategic Mission** – *Van*
  - a. Communication will be in the bulletin the weekend of Nov 7/8 regarding next steps of the changes to the Commission Structure.

## OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Pastoral Council Constitution** – *Van*
  - a. Reviewed and discussed the requested changes to the Council Constitution. Max Verkamp made a motion to approve the changes and Patty Brosmer seconded. All were in favor. This is the second of two required approvals for the amendments to be formally accepted. The amended Constitution has now been accepted.
2. **Evangelization & Outreach** – *Mike*
  - a. Spoke to the different ways the Parish has supported the community during the COVID pandemic, including the 6 USDA food distributions and 3 extra blood drives.

## COMMISSION REPORTS:

### FINANCE: *Dan reported*

- **September Financial Review**

- Budgeted Income       \$341,660
- Actual Income         \$319,417
- Variance               (\$22,243)

- Budgeted Expenses     \$375,585
- Actual Expenses       \$341,797
- Variance               \$ 33,788

- **Sunday Collections**

- 2020   13 collections         \$238,826         Average \$18,371
- 2019   13 collections         \$263,863         Average \$20,297

- **2020 CPC Assessment \$310,085**

- Pledges received \$223,624 (72% of Goal)
  - Last year same time was \$196,475

- **Parish Picnic** is scheduled for **Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>** and will include a Grand Raffle and Drive Thru Food offering

- Grand Raffle tickets sold so far - \$46,140

### EDUCATION: *Tracie reported*

- The Education Commission has been discussing the vision for the Spiritual Life Commission as the current commission evolves.
- SPRED is not meeting as thinking it's too risky for this group to get together face-face yet. The committee plans to send the SPRED members Christmas cards in December with their \$15 Walmart gift card like they have received in the past. If COVID19 doesn't get worse, improvements will be made in the spring.

### SOCIAL CONCERNS: *Reported through the Social Concerns Minutes*

- Sick and Elderly: Currently visiting 35 homebound. Will be sending out letters to those 65 and older to see if there are others interested.
- Angel Tree: The goal is to have donations in by mid Nov, so we can determine how much per family/per child. Gift cards will then be purchased.

### LITURGY: *Fr. Eugene reported*

- Have not met but a provided a reminder that Saturday Mass time is moving to 4:30 pm on November 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Communal Penance services in the deanery will not likely be held during the Christmas season.
- New missalettes will not be ordered for the new liturgical year due to COVID reasons but will provide the website that people can follow along on their phones.

### YOUTH: *Van reported*

- Josh Morrison and Anna Hayden have resigned from their roles due to other personal commitments.

### INTERCULTURAL MINISTRY: *Fr. Homero reported*

- Discussions held about how to handle Lady of Guadalupe celebration. It will be limited compared to previous years due to COVID.

### SUCCESS STORIES/OTHER BUSINESS

- We are finding additional bus drivers for release time.
- Pam and Mike have been helping out in multiple different ways, and it is very much appreciated.
- Congratulated Jane on her 24 years of service to the Finance Commission.
- Discussed how parishioners and non-parishioners appreciate the safety protocols of Mass at St. Joseph.

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

The next meeting will be **November 24, 2020 at 7:00 pm** in Kundek Hall.

**Submitted by:** Max Verkamp