

PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

September 29, 2020

Present: Jane Gehlhausen, Van Ziegler, Pam Freyberger, Fr. Eugene, Fr. Andrew, Max Verkamp, Tracie Ihle, Bridgette Bartley, Ben Schwenk, Jason Messmer, Dan Fritch, Mike Hagerdon, Tammy Mehringer

Absent: Patty Brosmer, Jacqueline Ripberger, Anna Hayden, Lynn Scheu, Moises Basilio, Carmen Miranda, Fr. Homero

Opening Prayer – Van led us in prayer

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

August Meeting Minutes had been approved online.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Welcome to Tammy Mehringer, new Finance Coordinator**
2. **Pastoral Council Constitution** – *Van*
 - a. Reviewed and discussed the requested changes to the Council Constitution. Dan Fritch made a motion to approve the changes and Max seconded. All were in favor. This is the first of two required approvals for the amendments to be formally accepted. The amended Constitution will be on the October agenda again in order receive the required second approval.
3. **Church Renovation Update** – *Van*
 - a. Discussed feedback from the recent presentations to the parish. Many questions across the sessions were similar and no unexpected questions were raised. Overall, the feedback was positive.
4. **Capital Campaign Update** – *Dan*
 - a. Dan and Fr. Eugene have been meeting with different people about the future campaign to support the renovation of the church. Feedback has been positive about moving forward.
 - b. Campaign will be kicking off in early 2021.
5. **Discussed seating constraints at the Sunday, 9:30 Mass and how to accommodate the overflow of attendees.**

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **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. .
2. **Parish Strategic Plan Structure Implementation & Leadership** – *Fr. Eugene*
 - a. Discussed next steps. Approving the Constitution was the first step.
 - b. Discussed the alignment of staff and council members with the new commissions and the expectations of the commissions leaders.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

FINANCE: *Dan reported*

- **August Financial Review**
 - Budgeted Income \$239,648
 - Actual Income \$232,477
 - Variance (\$7,171)

 - Budgeted Expenses \$247,556
 - Actual Expenses \$230,531
 - Variance \$17,025
- **Sunday Collections**
 - 2020 9 collections \$163,380 Average \$18,153
 - 2019 8 collections \$172,173 Average \$21,521
- **2020 CPC Assessment \$310,085**
 - Mailings went out to parish members

- Father Andrew spoke the weekend of Sept 20th
- **Parish Picnic** is scheduled for **Sunday, November 8th** and will include a Grand Raffle and Drive Thru Food offering

EDUCATION: *Pam & Tracie reported*

- 188 students registered in religious release time. Similar # of students with one additional grade (Kindergarten).
- Discussed access to Formed and the availability of strong content on the platform.

SOCIAL CONCERNS: *Van reported*

- 40 Days for Life has started on Tuesday nights in Evansville through end of October.
- The Angel Tree will be monetary donations this year and will be announced to the parish the weekend of Oct 10/11.

LITURGY: *Fr. Eugene reported*

- The priests of the parish will not be available for pastoral care from October 12th through the 15th. This is time for the priests to have personal reflection time in lieu of the annual diocesan retreat.
- Communion to the homebound has begun again.

YOUTH: *Pam reported*

- Approximately, 40 Middle School Students and 50 High School Students are participating on the Wednesday night Bosco night. The 1st week was at St. Joseph's and last week was at Precious Blood.

INTERCULTURAL MINISTRY:

- Nothing to report.

DEBRIEF OF PROCESS: *Van led*

- Meeting ran efficiently.
 - Getting notes in advance continues to be very helpful.
- We should have a seating arrangement that has all attendees facing one another.

SUCCESS STORIES/OTHER BUSINESS

- Van's daughter-in-law attended the National Global Day of Repentance in Washington, DC.
- The renovation committee's dedication to the process and the design has been tremendous, and they chose an excellent partner.
- Tracie's 13-year-old child has been cantoring, and it has gone well.
- Mass attendance is increasing.
- COVID precautions continue to be well received.
- We are finding additional bus drivers for release time.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Eugene led us in prayer.

The next meeting will be **October 27, 2020 at 7:00 pm** in Kundek Hall.

Submitted by: Max Verkamp