

# PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

May 26, 2020

**Present:** Anne Brosmer, Ann Rasche, Jane Gehlhausen, Tracie Ihle, Van Ziegler, Ben Schwenk, Lynn Scheu, Pam Freyberger, Fr. Eugene, Scott Brandt, Patty Brosmer, Mike Hagerdon, Fr. Andrew, Fr. Homero, Max Verkamp, Greg Fuhs, Bridgette Bartley, Moises Basilio, Jason Messmer, Chris Wickman

**Absent:** Jacqueline Ripberger, Anna Hayden, Jerry Birge, Carmen Miranda, Dan Fritch

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

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

Identified a misspelling. Patty Brosmer made a motion to approve as amended, and Bridgette Bartley seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2020 meeting. The minutes were approved.

Welcomed Jason Messmer to the Council as a replacement to Nicholas Hernandez. Also, welcomed Chris Wickman. He is a seminarian from St. Meinrad who will be with the parish through the summer.

## New Business

1. **Public Masses Return to Saint Joseph Update** – *Fr. Eugene*
  - a. Started last Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Approach of staying after Mass to clean went well.
  - c. Averaged about mid-20's in attendance for weekly Mass and had about 300 in total for the weekend with the highest turnout at the 9:30 am Mass
  - d. Weddings and funerals can be held in the Church
    - i. Bereavement meals are not currently allowed.
2. **Parish Center remains closed except for Pastoral Needs** – *Fr. Eugene*
3. **Religious Education 2020-2021 Released Time Update** – *Pam Freyberger*
  - a. Religious release time was given a name. Gathered perspective from many different people. Narrowed down to 5 options and sent those out to some religious education families. Top names from these families were Heroes of Faith and Journey with Jesus. Education commission discussed these options plus CREW (Catholic Religious Education Workshop). Heroes of Faith came up with most votes. St. Joseph's Heroes of Faith will be the name for our released time program.
  - b. La Casa renovations have been approved by the Finance Committee and the Parish Council. Work is underway and should be finished by July 5th. Education commission had a discussion regarding how to roll out the new program and location. Possibly doing a virtual tour or busing families from the school to see the new facility. Will put together a flyer with the new name and location.
  - c. All summer camps had to be cancelled.
  - d. Tom Betz is helping Pam find a used minibus for release time. Local dealers do not sell minibuses but have given us a contact to help in this process.
  - e. Parish Catechetical Leaders are working together to brainstorm ways in which we can provide religious education if restrictions are in place this fall.
4. **Proposed 2020/2021 Budget** – *Jane Gehlhausen*
  - a. Reviewed the draft budget. Shared that the team is looking at all expense centers and looking for areas to cut costs in light of the current economic situation.
5. **Parish Picnic Update** – *Scott Brandt*
  - a. No picnic on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Looking to have a mini-picnic in the Fall. Possible date is October 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Will be a social event with some fundraising activities included.
6. **Building & Grounds Committee** – *Fr. Eugene Schmitt*
  - a. Creating a 6 member committee that will focus on assisting with the maintenance of the facilities.
    - i. Will be a 2-year commitment
  - b. This committee will report to the Finance Commission.

- c. Will begin to establish a future vision and plan for all of the properties the parish owns.

### **Old Business:**

#### **1. Evangelization & Outreach – Mike reported**

- a. Return to Mass went well. Response from parishioners was very positive.
- b. Received a very nice letter from a family that had found a beautiful granite monument at the gravesite of their daughter. The monument was funded through the Cemetery Endowment.
- c. Just awarded a \$5,000 grant to upgrade our video streaming capabilities from Center for Congregations out of Indianapolis

#### **2. Holy Trinity School Update – Fr. Eugene & Greg Fuhs**

- a. The parish's proposal of \$317,000 to Holy Trinity, which was a little less than the requested amount, was submitted to Fr. Gary, and he was comfortable with our proposal.
- b. Shared that Fr. Brian Emmick will be replacing Fr. Gary at Precious Blood and at Holy Trinity.
- c. Enrollment has gone down.
  - i. Tuition increase of 5% on first kid and two + kids went up 12%
  - ii. Middle school enrollment is flat
  - iii. 3 teaching positions are being eliminated
  - iv. Fundraising goals for next year are going up.
- d. Greg is going off of the school council. Marcy Angeles will be replacing Greg on the school council.

### **COMMISSION REPORTS:**

#### **FINANCE: Jane reported**

- Shared details of the construction/maintenance work that had been occurring on the church.

#### **EDUCATION: Tracie reported**

- Nothing additional to report.

#### **SOCIAL CONCERNS: Lynn reported**

- Nothing to report. Haven't had official meeting since March.
- Mother's Day collection was successful.
- Extra blood drive was held last week.

#### **LITURGY: Fr. Eugene reported**

- Haven't had an official meeting recently.
- June 27<sup>th</sup> Mass at 4 pm celebrating the Seniors with a potluck meal following.

#### **YOUTH:**

- Some Bosco members are helping with Community Meals.

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

- Haven't had an official meeting recently.
- Facebook group for Hispanic ministers has helped people to keep in touch with one another.

#### **STRATEGIC PLANNING: Scott reported**

- Finalized the strategic plan.
- Shared the new Mission and Vision statements and the 4 goals for the parish.
  - Lynn made a motion to approve the Mission, Vision and Goals. Patty seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Will begin the process of establishing ownership for execution of the established goals.

#### **DEBRIEF OF PROCESS: Van led**

- Received the right information for tonight's Zoom meeting

### **SUCCESS STORIES/OTHER BUSINESS**

- Every parish member, with a good number, received a check in call prior to Easter.
- Thanks to all the staff for engaging with parishioners during the COVID pandemic.
- Reminder to wear red for Pentecost.

- Will incorporate some German into the Mass on what would have been Strassenfest weekend.
- Congratulations to Tracie on the birth of her child

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

The next meeting will be **June 30, 2020 at 7:00 pm** via Zoom.

**Submitted by:** Max Verkamp