

MINUTES OF THE ST. JOSEPH PASTORAL COUNCIL

November 19, 2020 6:00 pm. .

Members in Attendance:

	Father Hennes	715-341-1617
2021	Laurie Schroeder (Pres)	715-345-0939
2021	Ellen Miskowski (VP)	715-498-6134
2021	Michael Hess	715-344-9906
2021	Lorie Liss	715-630-4809
2022	Lynn Meyer	715-341-7104
2022	Dave Osier	715-544-0674
2021	Kris Strigel	715-341-8060
2022	Pat Wenzl	715-344-3906

Absent/Excused Members:

2022	Theron Nash	715-310-0293
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Opening Prayer: Ellen provided prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

*September's minutes were approved - motion made & seconded.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion of document entitled "The pastoral conversion of the Parish community in the service of the evangelizing mission of the Church", of the Congregation for the Clergy, 20.07.2020"

Honoring Father Lyle:

Discussions continue

*The new bell has been added with final payment pending.

Financial report to Parish:

*A copy of the parish's financial report has been placed in the bulletin for the parish to review. Father advised that overall, the parish is doing well financially.

PCS Commission Rep:

*Father has a potential candidate that is considering the position. He is waiting to hear back from them.

Other Old Business:

*None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Christmas Baskets:

*Money for baskets was collected from members. Laurie has been shopping for food items since October and will wrap things up soon. Lorie has been coordinating with Pacelli teens for donations of items for children to be included in the baskets. Laurie has the name of two families who will be contacted to see if they are interested in receiving a basket. Pat has volunteered to make the deliveries.

Building Community during COVID:

*The activities of groups during this time was reviewed. For example, St. Anne's is not meeting in person currently but are spiritually adopting Confirmation candidates.

*Kris Hansen is making weekly phone calls to the homebound.

*When COVID separation ends, the parish could hold an outdoor social gathering. This would not be to make revenue but just a time to gather similar to a block party. Those living nearby could also be invited.

*The Pig Roast was a success. It was agreed that it was good to have the parish involved in normal events again. This may be a good start for the future. A fish fry event is being considered for 2021.

*Groups need to get involved again allowing for safety and comfort levels. They need to consider what activities would work and if comfortable start making plans again.

Mass Attendance and Christmas Mass:

- *Use of technology has been taking place at weekend Masses already. Possible need for Technology sub-committee?
- *Matthew Kelly has been offering advice to parishes regarding the holidays. He believes that Christmas Mass is critical this year. People will be looking. A spectacular event is needed to gain their interest and to see that the Church is not backing down due to COVID.
- *Four Masses are scheduled for the two parishes. Live streaming will be for one on Christmas Eve and another on Christmas day.
- *Children's Mass will not be held this year
- *There will be a 6:00 pm Centennial Mass at St. Stephens to celebrate their 100th anniversary of Masses being celebrated in that building. A 10:00 pm Mass is not currently scheduled but could be. Overflow seating will be set up if needed using the television screens available at both parishes.
- *There has been a reduction of available ministers at both parishes – musicians, servers, etc.
- *Retired priests are not being used.
- *Reservation tickets will be taken at the door. Attendees must have a ticket.
- *News media will be contacted to let the public know that celebrations are being held and what restrictions will apply.

Bulletin:

- *LPI is having difficulties covering their costs for printing bulletins as they have been losing vendor ads due to COVID. To cut costs, they will be printing only half of the bulletin in color until further notice. This will begin in December.

Parish Mission Statement:

- *A subcommittee will be formed to work on developing a new Statement for the parish. Kris and Lynn (will chair) agreed to represent the Parish Council. They will meet and bring some ideas back to the Council in March. Three to five members for the sub-committee should suffice.

Minutes:

- *This will now be two-week process. A draft of the minutes will be sent to Laurie one week after the meeting for her to review. She will send out to Council members who will have one week to review and respond to Laurie. Once completed, the minutes will be sent out to parish groups.

Other New Business:

- *2017 minutes were removed from member's binders and will be recycled.
- *Bishops Appeal letter has been sent out to parish members.
- *Search for Youth Minister – Father wishes to meet with PEC to discuss this position before starting the search again.

COMMUNICATIONS/THANKS YOU NOTES:

- *Cards were signed and will be delivered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Religious Education Report (Lynn):

- *November 18th - Grades 1-8 met for last time until January 6th. They have been given an at-home packet to work on with their parents. No classes have been cancelled yet, but they have been spread out to several alternative building locations. Enrollment seems small.

Parish Family Life Committee (Mary):

- *No meeting held.

Buildings & Grounds (Pat):

- *Three trees have been removed.
- *The southwest door landing has been rebuilt.
- *Gutters are being installed on the Jefferson Street and side entrance.
- *Group will be setting up the outdoor nativity scene.
- *Basement cleaning is being worked on. Groups have been asked to flag unnecessary items for disposal.
- *A new to-do list will need to be developed. One item to be put on list is water access/sprinklers on the south side of the church. Repair was done on the current line which increased the pressure for watering the plants on that side of the building.

Parish Education (Mike):

- *Bridge Club – Meetings were poorly attended so group will be looking at things from another way.

Call to Justice Committee: (email from Mary Droske to Laurie)

- *Meal of Hope – Discontinued temporarily due to poor attendance. Some items given to Operation Bootstrap while others are being stored in the office if requests for assistance are received.
- *Rent Ready has challenges due to COVID. Group would like to act as mentors in a safe manner, but procedure needs to be developed.
- *Advent Tree – Will be put up during Christmas and a request put in bulletin. Dressed to Work will not be included as they are not currently taken donations. With low church attendance, the number of ornaments taken will be down. However, the list of charities is posted in the bulletin so parish can bring donations that make sense for the organization they wish to contribute to. Cindy Hawley continues to coordinate.

Sacred Worship Committee (Ellen):

- *Copies of the October Mass counts were distributed.
- *Thanksgiving Day Mass will be held at St. Joe's at 9:00 am. Attendees are invited to donate nonperishable items.

Communication Committee (Kris):

- *No meeting held. January issue of Good Seeds will be discussed soon.

Pacelli Catholic Schools (PCS) (Laurie):

(October)

MEMBERS IN DISTRESS – General discussion took place.

CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURN:

Closing prayer: Father Hennes
Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

NEXT MEETING:

Date: Thursday, January 28th, 2021 at 6:00 pm. Possible Christmas party. .
Volunteer for prayer January: Pat
Thank You List: December/Laurie, January/Kris, February/Lynn
Agenda items: Laurie will develop and email to members in December.

Annual Agenda Items: Stipend for Choir Directors (Nov and prior to Easter), Rel.Ed Staff Report, Picnic Basket (April) , Tithing (May), Christmas Basket (September), Thank You List (December), Lenten Book for Parishioners (Dec/Jan)

Secretary: Mary Stroik