

MINUTES OF THE ST. JOSEPH PASTORAL COUNCIL
March 18, 2021 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
2022	Lynn Meyer	715-341-7104
2022	Theron Nash	715-310-0293
2022	Dave Osier	715-544-0674
2022	Kris Strigel	715-341-8060

Absent/Excused Members:

2022	Lorie Liss	715-630-4809
2022	Pat Wenzl	715-344-3906

Opening Prayer: Pat shared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*January's minutes were approved previously via email.

Guest Speaker: Pastoral Minister Kris Hansen to discuss Befriender Ministry.

*Kris provided a brief description of the Ministry and what it entails.

- Parish members are generally made aware of the ministry through the bulletin or word of mouth. It is determined what they want (which is their decision) – home visits, phone contact, etc. Both homebound and nursery home individuals are included.
- Those in the ministry receive training including how to listen (it is a listening ministry), leaving opinions or own personal matters at the door, ability to not judge the person they are working with, etc.
- Due to COVID, only phone calls are being done. However, once both minister and the person they are visiting have been vaccinated, home visits can begin again.
- Ministers must act in the parameters provided. Privacy issues and safe environment are considered. They cannot take people out to lunch or grocery store, etc. due to liability of the parish.
- Past ministers have indicated it is difficult when their individual passes away as they have learned to care for them. Additional assistance may need to be provided for them to deal with their grief.
- Currently, Kris is working alone on this. However there are still three individuals who are willing to serve. Kris feels that she does not need help at this time but will let the Council know should that change. There may be more requests as cards were recently mailed to senior church members with Befriender information included.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of the Apostolic Letter "Patris Corde":

*General discussion took place regarding the document and the main points it presents:

1. A beloved father
2. A tender and loving father
3. An obedient father
4. An accepting father
5. A creatively courageous father
6. A working father
7. A father in the shadows

*It was agreed that a meeting with group chairs should be held in July to get discussion going for when things return to normal. Questions to discuss will be developed at Parish Council's May meeting. Groups will be able to share what they feel needs to be done going forward and their part in making it happen.

Statue Update:

*Sketches of the statues have been received and will be shared with the parish in a future bulletin. A special Mass will be held where the statues will be installed and blessed in church (one on Saturday, the other on Sunday).

Mission Statement Report from Lynn:

Discussion continues

Sending Cards to Parish Members:

*Around 42 cards have been sent to families with children in school.

*Father will look into getting a list of families with children not yet in school so cards can be mailed to them as well. .

Religious Education Position:

*Job has been posted locally and on CatholicJobs website with some interest being shown. Interviews will be set up after Easter.

Other Old Business:

*None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Parish Council Members:

*Nominations from the parish are beginning to come in. Father may encourage members on Palm Sunday to submit their suggestions if number received is low.

Picnic Committee Update:

*Group is meeting soon to consider their options for the year. What will picnic look like and what adjustments need to be made?

Holy Week Masses:

*RSVP will be needed for Easter and Good Friday but not for Palm Sunday. Overflow seating will be made available in the Family Center.

Website update:

*New website is up and running with additions. There is more space for pictures now as well as greater ability to share the highlights of the parish.

Other New Business:

*St. Anthony's is holding a series entitled "Do You Know Your Faith"? Dates for the monthly event are April 22 – October 28. Attendance can be done in person or using Zoom. Many of the speakers are from Stevens Point. It was agreed that the parish should be informed. .Call to Justice and Parish Education will be contacted to see if they would be interested in promoting the event.

COMMUNICATIONS/THANKS YOU NOTES:

*Cards were signed and will be delivered by Council members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Religious Education Report (Lynn):

*Classes are going well. New curriculum is working nicely.

*First Communion will be held the weekend of April 24-25 with parents choosing which Mass they wish to attend.

Parish Family Life Committee (Mary):

*Plans are underway for the Mother's Day Rose Sale being held on the weekend of May 8-9. 125 roses will be ordered. Distancing plans will be discussed closer to the date.

Buildings & Grounds (Pat):

*Most of work has been electrical Church lights are now all working. New switches are being installed and fuse boxes are being brought up to code.

*Occasionally, lights in the parking lot do not work. Cause is yet to be determined.

Parish Education (Mike):

*No information at this time.

Call to Justice Committee:

*No information at this time.

Sacred Worship Committee (Ellen):

*Cards to parish members were worked on and sent out.

*Plans for Triduum are now in place. RSVP will be needed for Easter and Good Friday but not for Palm Sunday. Overflow seating will be made available in the Family Center.

*May Crowning will be held May 1st.

*Gluten free option has been provided to the parish.

*No communal reconciliation services will be held during Lent.

Communication Committee (Kris):

*No information at this time.

Pacelli Catholic Schools (PCS) (Laurie):

*Principal and President are going on retreat. Prayers were asked for.

MEMBERS IN DISTRESS – General discussion took place.

CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURN:

Closing prayer: Father Hennes shared.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 pm.

NEXT MEETING:

Date: Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Volunteer for prayer: Ellen

Thank You List: March/Theron, April/Laurie, May/Ellen.

Agenda items: Laurie will develop and email to members in June.

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