

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2021 7:30 pm Church Basement

Our Mission: To bring Christ's love to our community through worship, education, service and outreach.

Present: Britt Tillman, Nic Meyer, Ashley Schallitz, Angie Bell, Dick Stommel, Greg Bohn, Scott Helnes, Jamie Wallner, Mike Melaney, Dick Geldreich, Deacon Mark Jansen, Guest - Al Sumner

Fr Howard - Excused

Opening Prayer: Ashley

Welcome and introductions to guest - Al Sumner

Approve November meeting minutes: Motion to approve November meeting minutes made by Dick Stommel, Jamie Wallner seconded, so moved.

Key Dates:

Spring 2021 Deanery Meeting: March 15th 6:30pm @ Holy Angels

2021 Council Meeting Dates

Synod Anniversary – June 5th, 2021, backup date October 23rd, 2021 @ Mary Mother of the Church Pastoral Center, St. Francis.

Church updates:

Ash Wednesday Update: Deacon Mark gave an update, different options are going around for distribution of ashes. Feast Day of St Blaise: different options are going around for blessing.

Committee Updates

Prayer and Worship – Updates regarding various services during Christmas season. Looking for a chair for the committee. Discussion about flocknotes, instant updates regarding various information (adoration chapel, mass, readings, etc). Christmas services went very well. Reservation and seating process went great. Very nice turn out at all masses.

School Committee: Have been doing well with staying in person. A few instances of classes going virtual for a week at a time. A first grade teacher has been hired. Kindergarten round up scheduled, teachers to

do short video and can schedule individual tours. Finalized reading curriculum. Catholic School week is in two weeks, being creative with new ideas due to covid.

Finance: Envelopes are doing well but offertory is low due to attendance. Finance asked parish council to brainstorm ideas regarding fundraising ideas in anticipation of not having a church festival in 2021. Ideas: raffle or event at Threshold location. Jamie suggested the idea of a drive-in movie, would need a license to show the movie but she has all of the equipment. We could sell concessions and tickets. PPP loan was forgiven and is now a grant.

Human concerns: No meeting. Food drive and blankets for Ben went over very well.

Property grounds: No meeting

Stewardship: No meeting

Trello: Britt offered to assist any board members with Trello.

Missionary Leader Update: If you are wanting to receive these updates yourself email Susan Skibbas @ skibbas@archmil.org

Trustee Update: Mike Melaney accepted another term as Trustee.

Youth spot on council: Britt is still working on this.

Volunteer Opportunity/Donation Drive: Brainstorm ideas to help the community. Deacon Mark spoke about the community baby shower as well as an envelope drive for Seed of Hope and a diaper drive in May (Mother's Day).

Ushers: If we know of anyone who is interested in being an usher, currently looking for volunteers. Allow ushers to sign up for certain weeks or certain months. Using a new program to communicate to ushers. Training and retraining will be February 22nd, 6:30pm. Putting together a manual as a resource for ushers.

Visionary discussion: Britt asked that board members volunteer for one of the five focuses

Intercommunal communications - Angie, Nic, Scott
Increase current member attendance Community family support - Jamie, Ashley, Deacon Mark
Getting young people involved - Britt
Mission opportunities -

New Business:

Deacon Mark brought up the latino community - potentially offering services and reaching out.

Dearnery is looking for a new representative. Britt may know someone.

Closing Prayer: Britt

Next council meeting: Thursday, February 18, 2021 @ 7:30 PM