

**St. Margaret Mary Parish, Naperville, IL**  
**Pastoral Council Minutes**  
**April 7, 2020**

**Council Members Present:** Chas Bellock, Tom Cordaro, Casey Fuller, Fr. Paul Hottinger, Liz Kruk, Chris Lupo, Anne Lysaught, Brian Pelz, Joey Rose, Dave Schwartz, Peggy Soeldner, Carrie Tilton, Terry Wagner

Please note: Discussions at this meeting were had in context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

OPENING AND PRAYER: Tonight's meeting was held over Skype and phone conference. Brian Pelz supplied the prayer and Joey Rose called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 2020 MINUTES: All members agreed to approve the minutes, none opposed. Minutes approved.

COMMITTEE TO COMMUNICATE SMMP FINANCIAL CONCERNS from March minutes

- PC discussed whether or not to move forward with the subcommittee proposed at last month's meeting, which would brainstorm ways to communicate SMMP's financial status to parishioners.
- Consensus was reached for the committee to move forward. All agreed, none opposed.

PHONING PARISHIONERS from Fr. Paul

- Fr. Paul urged PC members to reach out individually to parishioners and check in, as well as encourage them to sign up for Constant Contact.
- He also mentioned that staff is looking to consolidate the RE and parish phone programs created to reach out to parishioners during this health crisis.

SMMP WOODS PROJECT from Tom Cordaro

- Tom suggested that the Woods project be suspended in light of the current pandemic. Council agreed to postpone the project until further notice.
- Council also agreed to wait and see what happens before continuing with 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary planning.

SUPPORT STAFF from Terry Wagner

- Council discussed the pay cuts that SMMP staff is experiencing due to the virus. Various suggestions were made regarding how to care for this group financially. Fr. Paul is working on this issue — he is applying for a loan under the CARES Act.
- PC asked that we keep on top of any emergency requests from our staff.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT from Chas Bellock

- Chas presented the stewardship report. SMMP contributions are down by roughly 7%, or \$70,000 for the year. He also reported that the budget for the Easter collection is not going to be met, compounding the shortfall.

- The Stewardship Committee wants to reach out to parishioners directly and emphasize giving to offset the shortfall. PC discussed this issue in depth, specifically what to do about the budget and how quickly to communicate the issue to parishioners.
- PC agreed that they need to update the 2020-21 budget based on this crisis. They will ask the Finance Committee to present suggestions in May.

#### UPDATE ON LEAK REPAIR WORK from Anne Lysaught

- Before the shutdown, a window repair company was engaged and a deposit was sent. Now, Admin is just waiting to schedule a date.

#### COMMISSION REPORTS

##### CSC from Carrie Tilton

- Notes are in the report. Most ministries are meeting online or communicating via email.
- PADS participants are being set up in hotels and motels.

##### CFC from Chris Lupo

- Everything for adult faith formation was canceled through June.
- Catechist registration is on hold, as are First Communion and Confirmation.
- Further updates are in her report.

##### CWC from Brian Pelz

- Shout out to everyone involved in streaming the liturgies — there's a lot more involved than many of us realize.
- Council members noted that virtual mass attendance has been high.

##### ADMIN from Anne Lysaught

- No updates, beyond the leak.

##### YOUTH COMMISSION from Casey Fuller

- Casey noted that there are still ways to volunteer help, even though many services have stopped. For instance, the Salvation Army is still making food boxes.

#### WHAT WE ARE HEARING

- PC discussed the following:
  - Most parishioners seem to be exhibiting courage and handling the crisis relatively well.
  - Everyone is keeping in touch and staying positive.
  - Kudos to the Sunshine Ministry and their phone calls — well received and appreciated.
  - All volunteer opportunities are getting great response. People still seem to feel in touch with the parish.

Council ended with a closing prayer at 8:31 p.m. Meeting adjourned.