



Pastoral Council Minutes/Mtg. Results: May 5, 2020 (Mtg #2 during COVID-19 Pandemic)

Council Members Present:	Chas Bellock
	Tom Cordaro
	Casey Fuller
	Fr. Paul Hottinger
	Liz Kruk
	Christina Lupo
	Anne Lysaught
	Brian Pelz
	Joey Rose
	Dave Schwartz
	Peggy Soeldner
	Carrie Tilton
	Terry Wagner
Council Members Absent:	Becca Veys
Guest (Yes/No):	Yes: Sue Schroeder, Finance Ministry Lead
Prayer Leader:	Liz Kruk
Notes:	This meeting was attended via ZOOM conferencing tool

- 1) Meeting called to order: 7pm (Joey Rose, President)
- 2) Prior Mtg. Minutes Approval: April, 2020 Mtg. Minutes Approved (all approved; none opposed)
- 3) Meeting Reports as Per Agenda:
 - A. Report: Recruitment of new Parish Council Members – Tom Cordaro
 - Recruitment activities are underway; informally – word of mouth, constant contact and bulletin articles;
 - Interested candidates may be invited to the June, Parish Council meeting
 - Discernment Meetings to be held after 6/8 or 6/9; Zoom or Skype tools to be considered
 - If Pandemic prevents meetings then options for recruitment include: (i) postpone meetings but still host eventually; (ii) allow positions to be open during next season; (iii) pastor selection decision
 - B. Report: Parishioner Awareness 2020 – Terry Wagner and Anne Lysaught
 - Team is meeting weekly beginning in May, 2020;
 - Team is comprised of about a dozen people including some staff members.
 - Short term goal is to enhance parishioner awareness through focused messaging on ministries' work during online masses; (ii) bulletin; (iii) website
 - Long term goal is to establish a portfolio of info including a more digestible annual report for Town Hall type communications and meetings
 - C. Report + Decision Request: Guest Sue Schroeder, Finance Ministry Lead re Budget Report.
 - Governor's order to stay home has resulted in decline in parish donations.
 - 65 additional parishioners have elected to donate online through WE-SHARE service; 10 opted out of this service.
 - U.S. Government loan has been approved; cash flow, repayment and forgiveness issues discussed.
 - Parish is experiencing a \$10K shortfall from weekly collection envelopes and loose cash.
 - Budget assumptions have been adjusted; staff raises eliminated; Diocesan assessment reduced; Diocesan education assessment postponed until at least fiscal year 2021-22. Deadline for final budget is June 1, 2020; but late submissions are allowed.
 - All Saints Academy final debt payment to be made in June, 2020.

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- Proposal made to require commissions to further reduce budget by 5%. After lengthy discussion regarding many aspects to consider including (i) obtaining staff input, (ii) encouraging commission leads to not spending budget in first 3 mos of the new year, (iii) understanding that there may be a need to require a budget freeze at any time; and (iv) all need to be postured to “pivot” based on Covid Pandemic situation, it was decided to not require a commission cut at this time. Instead budget assumptions were adjusted to make commission budgets flat with the 2019-20 fiscal year.
- Concern regarding Diocesan decision to reduce work week for staff and corresponding reduced income discussed.

**D. Report: Dave Schwartz re Parishioners SMMP Support**

- Dave discussed numerous methods to communicate to parishioners how to make financial contributions to SMMP, including in-person, mailed and online donation options
- Additionally, ways to be helpful to parishioners discussed

**E. Other: Resumption of in-person masses discussed.**

- Parish-wide initiative
- Requirements from Diocese received; teams to be established to help and assist.
- Adherence to all requirements is a real must.

**F. Report: COMMISSION REPORTS**

**(1) STEWARDSHIP from Chas Bellock:**

- Stewardship is establishing a definitive gratitude protocol.
  - Council affirmed support and is looking forward to updates.

**(2) CFC from Chris Lupo**

- Adult faith-formation classes will be online for the fall
  - Heavy consideration is being made to accommodate elderly participants
  - The ministry is encouraged to consider in-person sessions as well.
- Hopes are to have in-person youth formation classes, but currently offering a home study option for K-8

**(3) CWC from Brian Pelz**

- Shout out to the online mass ministry team – all is very well done
- John’s retirement was discussed; he will be missed.

**(4) ADMIN from Anne Lysaught**

- Leak phase 1 repair completed; phase 2 most probably will be needed due to visible damage that could not be reached without a lift.
- Needed cleaning supplies have been challenging to acquire per Bob; Bob and Mike are addressing this.

**(5) YOUTH COMMISSION from Casey Fuller**

- Teen Ministry is producing various videos for religious education students

**4. WHAT WE ARE HEARING**

- PC discussed the following:
  - Facebook and YouTube masses discussed; investment in long term equipment will be needed.
  - Online mass invite to be added to the messaging on the outside electronic sign
  - Online bulletins are the only bulletin; printed bulletins have been discontinued; bulletin to be posted prior to Sunday
  - Plans for delayed communion and confirmation services being developed
  - All discussed how Highschool catechism participants maybe can connect with or be connected with parents of youngsters to assist parents with content awareness and points of interest that have been well received by new participants.
  - Hearing of sadness and concern re retirements of John and our Bishop

Council ended with prayer intentions and a closing prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

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