

St. Margaret Mary Parish, Naperville, IL
Pastoral Council Minutes
October 6, 2020

Council Members Present: Mike Anderson, Chas Bellock, Fr. Paul Hottinger, Mary Kienstra, Liz Kruk, Dan Lawler, Chris Lupo, Anne Lysaught, Kathy O'Rourke, Elizabeth Rancich, Barb Ryan, Terry Wagner

Council Members Absent: Joey Rose

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

OPENING AND PRAYER: Tonight's meeting was held via Google Meets conferencing tool. Anne Lysaught supplied the prayer and Terry Wagner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

DEANERY VISIT BY BISHOP HICKS AND OUTDOOR MASS from Fr. Paul

- Bishop Hicks is coming Saturday at 5 p.m. There will not be a reception. The 5 p.m. Mass will be streamed, and Fr. Paul will send a letter notifying parishioners they can watch online.
- We did get permission for an outdoor mass, but it might be at 4 p.m. Up to 250 people are allowed to attend, though family units must stay 6 feet apart.

ANNUAL REPORT from Anne Lysaught

- The report is nearly finished, just putting together some final information.
- PC agreed that the report was extremely well done. A great update for the parish and looks appealing.
 - A member asked if we would include any staff changes in the report. Since those changes happened in this current year (2020-21), they technically wouldn't be included in this report. However, they will suggest to Julie that the information be included.
- Kudos to all who put this together, including Anne Lysaught and Julie Duffin.

ASCA DISCUSSION from Fr. Paul

- All Saints needs support for 2021, so SMMP will pay \$50K toward the ASCA loan this year. There are four other parishes contributing to ASCA as well.
 - Future yearly payments have not been negotiated, but the future is unclear with a new bishop and a new pastor next year.
- ASCA is also forming a new board to help run the school. PC discussed sending a representative from SMMP to be on this board.
- Additionally, the 5% tax for Catholic Schools that was supposed to begin in 2020 has been suspended until next year. It is anticipated that SMMP can treat our support of ASCA as payment of this tax.
- PC discussed how to cover this expense and how to communicate this with parishioners.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT from Chas Bellock

- The committee has tweaked the messaging to parishioners thanking them for their contributions.
- Now, they are working on reaching out to donors at the end of the year and providing a summary with gratitude and for tax purposes.
- They are also discussing details for an annual appeal in November.
- Contributions are doing well compared to the budget.

UPDATE ON LEAK REPAIR WORK from Anne Lysaught

- The repairs made a significant difference (much less leaking than before). However, there are still leaks in the steeple that would incur great financial cost to fix. Therefore, Admin will continue to monitor the rain.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Staff meeting from Dan Lawler

- Dan briefly summarized the discussions from the staff meeting, specifically the feedback about the ASCA news and Sr. Madeline's and Tom Cordaro's impending retirements in June 2021.

CSC from Mary Kienstra

- Most ministries are looking for ways to keep people engaged with service.
- The Big Day of Service is being planned for November 14th. Mary is thinking it will involve "take-home" kits, though she is reaching out to places that are accepting volunteers.

- VERY pleased with the results of the Men's Club "picnic" raffle. The most successful raffle we've had in years.
- PC asked about addressing the needs of parishioners during COVID.
- Other notes in the report.

CWC from Barbara Ryan

- Barb did receive certification for the outdoor mass, and they plan to live stream it if there is rain.
 - However, SMMP will need to go through recertification if we want people to view the mass in the Parish Center.
- Got some new sanitizing misters.
- Happy to see that lay reflections will come back.
- PC discussed whether to remind people not to sing at Mass, as it is still unsafe.
- Other notes in the report.

CFC from Chris Lupo

- Chris is seeing lots of new families joining SMMP RE, since other parishes aren't offering Zoom or in-person classes. The program has been well-received so far.
- Sr. Madeline's Zoom bible studies are going well.
- Also hearing good things about the in-person PEER meetings. Biggest challenge will be the freshmen retreat.
- Other notes in the report.

Admin from Anne Lysaught

- The committee met last month to discuss the quote to fix the fans (about \$15,000) and they're going forward with the repair.
- Also discussed service agreements and future plans.
 - No long-term plans and activities in the queue. The committee members want to wait for the new pastor, then evaluate what could be done during COVID.

Youth Report from Ellie Rancich

- PEER is back and "Dare Greatly" is also back. They announced a plan to return in November, though the schedules seem less than ideal.
- Unfortunately, not as many teens seem to be following the safety guidelines for social events. Many teens are worried about the impending cold weather.

PC discussed the 1-, 3-, and 5-year plans that the commissions need to present to Council. CSC will give a report in November, CFC in December, and CWC tentatively in February. PC also discussed how to involve youth in the future of SMMP.

Additionally, November's meeting will be held in person on November 10th, one week later than originally scheduled.

WHIP AROUND

- PC discussed the following:
 - More prayers for Joey Rose, who is moving to long-term assisted living.
 - Many people really miss the social activities at the parish.
 - Had over 300 families participate in the "pick-up" times. Received lots of positive feedback about being back in the building.
 - Currently, there's no plan to open the chapel for people, since there needs to be someone there to monitor activity. Sts. Peter and Paul is reopening perpetual adoration, so we'll watch to see if that is successful.

Anne supplied the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.