

Pastoral Council Meeting
May 12, 2020

Members Present: Father Dale Cieslik, Louis Leppert, Eric Guy, Chris Williams, Roy Greenwell, Joey Followay, Sharon Mann, Jim Ernspiker, Nancy Collett, Al Zielberg, Alexandra Rogers, and Michael Thomas

Members Absent: Ed Scott

Others Present: Mitchell Elder, Helen Hagan, Rob Haydon

Due to social distance restrictions of COVID-19, this meeting was held online via *GoToMeeting*.

Meeting opened with prayer.

Chris Williams and Helen Hagan presented the proposed budget for the new year, which Helen had emailed to council members prior to the meeting. She explained that there are a lot of unknowns about collections and fundraising due to the current pandemic and the indefinite restrictions and changes it has caused. The budget, therefore, is conservative and realistic, and every department has made cuts. Chris invited council members to email or call him or Helen with any questions about the budget over the next month.

The council will review the budget and will vote on whether to approve it at the June meeting.

Mitchell Elder reported on the Long Range Plan. After meeting with the Archdiocese Building Commission, it was recommended that we do not do both construction projects at the same time. Instead, we will do the Parish Activities Center first, and then evaluate our finances and proceed with the renovation of the old church.

There has been no progress made since the last Pastoral Council meeting because the Archdiocese has put all renovation projects on hold until further notice due to the pandemic.

Chairman Lou Leppert directed a review of the March minutes. Eric Guy moved the minutes be approved as written. Chris Williams seconded, all in favor.

Pastor's Report

Father Dale thanked Eric Guy for setting up tonight's meeting on *GoToMeeting*.

Father continues to send updated information to parishioners through Mailchimp, the parish website, and the parish app. They are posted on Thursdays. He will be sending a letter in the May 14 edition that includes *Guidelines for Mass at St. Francis Xavier Church 2020*.

Because every ministry is affected by our upcoming return to worship, Father Dale created a *Guidelines for Ministries at Mass at St. Francis Xavier Church*, which will be sent to all liturgical ministers to outline their functions for mass.

Parish Offices will open again on May 20th at 8:30 am.

Weekend masses will begin again on May 23-24 with 2 masses. A third mass, at 11:00 am, will start on the weekend of May 30-31.

Guidelines for Mass at St. Francis Xavier Church 2020 will be posted on all the church doors.

The only non-mass gathering is scheduled for Sunday, June 14, which is the Blood Drive. People can donate blood by appointment only. Since the need for blood is so urgent and critical, we offer this service to them.

As determined by the Commonwealth and Archdiocese, some meetings will soon start gathering, but in a "measured" way.

The celebrations of First Penance, First Communion, and Confirmation are still TBA. We hope to know something soon.

The Super Raffle Team has decided to delay the super raffle to the spring of 2021 instead of the fall of 2020, again due to necessary precautions regarding the Coronavirus.

Old Business-

There will be no Spring Fling this year. It will hopefully be postponed to the fall when we are able to gather in large groups.

The Pastoral Council of the Archdiocese of Louisville was scheduled to meet in March, but the meeting was canceled, so Lou does not have a report.

We are still in need of a person or persons to chair the Golf Scramble.

New Business -

Lou Leppert thanked Eric Guy again for the *GoToMeeting*.

Since we have not been able to gather at mass, there has not been time to nominate new people for the Pastoral Council. Father Dale asked the six members at large to serve one extra year. All members agreed.

Father Dale reported that Archbishop Kurtz has updated the *Archdiocesan Guidelines for Liturgies, Services, and Activities* and should have a letter regarding this printed in the next publication of *The Record*.

Committee Reports

Administration -

Michael Thomas had no new information to report on safety and security.

Chris Williams reported that we applied for and qualified for a payroll protection loan. The purpose of this loan is to keep people working and on payroll. It enables us to continue all our ministries, which has been a big relief to our parish.

Formation -

Al Zielberg reported having a Zoom meeting with RCIA catechumens and candidates last Sunday.

The committee is contemplating a special mass later in the year to celebrate the sacraments of initiation since we were unable to hold the Easter Vigil this year.

At this time, baptisms have been put on hold.

Father Dale blessed the community garden last Tuesday. Most of the garden has already been planted. They are working with Mt. Washington Ministries on some of the produce.

The Blanket Ministry is making blankets and masks for Hospirus use.

Parish Life -

Nancy Collett had no new information to report.

Stewardship -

Ed Scott sent nothing new to report.

Worship -

Eric Guy had no new information to report.

The meeting ended in prayer.

The next Pastoral Council meeting is June 9, 2020 at 6:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by Dana Steinmetz, Pastoral Council Secretary