

Pastoral Council Meeting
November 10, 2020

Members Present: Father Dale Cieslik, Louis Leppert, Eric Guy, Joey Followay, Roy Greenwell, Jim Ernspiker, Ed Scott, Nancy Collett, Al Zielberg, Alexandra Rogers

Members Absent: Chris Williams, Sharon Mann, Michael Thomas

Others Present: Deacon Earl Baker, Mitchell Elder

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

Meeting opened with prayer.

Mitchell Elder presented a Steering Committee update to the council. All construction bids are now in.

Mitchell reviewed the JRA Overall Budget Sheet with council members. The Parish Activity Center cost is \$2,781,053. Renovation of the Parish Hall will be \$461,914. When projected soft costs are added in, the total project will cost \$3,471,756, which is over budget. The committee still has some work to do to get to the goal and prepare to ask for Archdiocese approval for the project. There will be a Finance Committee Meeting on Tuesday, November 17, to approve the budget, and then the Steering Committee will meet again to design a plan to submit to the Archdiocese.

Chairman Lou Leppert directed a review of the October minutes. Eric Guy moved the minutes be approved as written; Ed Scott seconded, all in favor.

Pastor's Report

There will be a substitute presider, Father Dick Sullivan, for mass on Saturday, November 28, the first Sunday of Advent.

The Parish Office will be closed for Thanksgiving Nov. 26-29.

Thanksgiving Mass will be on November 26 at 10:00 am.

The Parish Office will be closed for Christmas Dec. 24-27.

Father Dale led discussion among council members about the best way to adjust the Christmas mass schedule to accommodate social distancing and crowd control. A Christmas Eve mass will be added, and council members discussed whether 2:00 or 4:00 would be the best option for families. There was also discussion about a plan for what to do if we run out of space in the church and need to turn people away. Ed Scott brought up the idea of allowing people to sit in the Parish Hall for at least one of the masses. Father Dale will make the final decision and announce it to parishioners very soon.

The Parish Office will be closed for New Year's Day December 31-Jan 3.

Mass for the Feast of Mary, Mother of God will be December 31 at 4:00 pm.

Parish Council and Staff Holiday Meal scheduled for Dec 5 is officially cancelled due to COVID 19 restrictions.

Father gave an update on Catholic Services Appeal. Our parish has raised \$16,398.00, which is 80% of our parish goal of \$20,400.00. 80 of 126 previous donors have contributed so far, which is 63%.

Our next staff birthday is Carrie Gary on January 5th.

Other upcoming dates of note for Father Dale are:

Priests' Support Group on November 11 at Holy Trinity Gardens.

Priests' Personnel Board Virtual Meeting on November 19 at 1:30 pm.

The next staff meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 3 at 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

Old Business

Chris Williams sent in a report about our first Virtual Auction Fest. He gave a huge thanks to everyone for their efforts and said it was a huge success, raising over \$34,206.

Father Dale reported on liturgical changes due to the pandemic. There will be no more in-person meetings for at least the next two weeks. Right now, that decision is being made on an every-two-weeks basis.

Dana Steinmetz, Parish Council Secretary, reported that the Pastoral Council Bylaws were signed today by Father Dale and Lou Leppert, Chairman. They are recorded and will not need to be approved again until September, 2023.

New Business

There is no new business.

Committee Reports

Administration

Chris Williams sent in a report that there will be a Safe Environment Class next Monday, November 16, at 6:30 pm in the old church for anyone who needs to take the class or needs a refresher course. This is convenient for any new RE teachers or aides, and those helping with the Youth Ministry, just to name a few.

Formation

Al Zielberg had nothing new to report since there have been no meetings this month.

Parish Life

Nancy Collette had nothing new to report since there have been no meetings this month.

Stewardship

Ed Scott reported that the committee hasn't met yet, but Bobby Grace is looking for new members of the Stewardship Committee due to recent turnover.

Worship

Eric Guy reported that the Worship Committee met on October 28. Scheduling ministers has been challenging lately due to COVID 19 and a lack of volunteers. The committee's next meeting will be November 24.

The meeting ended in prayer.

The next Pastoral Council meeting is January 12, 2021 at 6:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by Dana Steinmetz, Pastoral Council Secretary