

Pastoral Council Meeting  
October 13, 2020

**Members Present:** Father Dale Cieslik, Louis Leppert, Eric Guy, Chris Williams, Sharon Mann, Roy Greenwell, Jim Ernsperger, Nancy Collett, Al Zielberg, Michael Thomas

**Members Absent:** Ed Scott, Joey Followay, Alexandra Rogers

**Others Present:** Deacon Earl Baker

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

Meeting opened with prayer.

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

### **Pastor's Report**

Our parish goal for this year's Catholic Services Appeal is \$20,400.00.

The next Steering Committee Meeting is October 15 at 7:00 pm.

All Souls Day Prayer Service will be Monday, Nov. 2 at 7:00 pm.

The baptism of Rhett McMahan will take place on Saturday, October 17 at 1:00 pm, and the Fell-Young Wedding is on Saturday, November 7 at 2:00 pm.

Our first-ever Virtual AuctionFest Drawing will be on Saturday, October 24. So far, we have sold 1,400 tickets. Our goal is to sell 3,000 tickets.

Mass will be at 4:00 pm on Oct. 24 due to the drawing.

*Crossroads Messenger* deadline for articles is Nov. 1.

The Parish Office will be *closed* for Thanksgiving on Nov. 26-27.

Mass on Thanksgiving Day is at 10:00am; Deacon Gerry Mattingly will be the homilist.  
2020 Christmas Masses will be December 24 at 4:00 pm and 10:00 pm and December 25 at 10:00 am.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Holy Day of Obligation, Mass will be December 31 at 4:00pm.

Other upcoming dates of note for Father Dale are:

Vacation on October 18-23

Priests' Support Group Meeting on October 27

Visit with Fr. Bill Burks Nov. 13-14  
Priests' Personnel Board Meeting will be Nov 19 at 1:30pm.

There was a question about contact tracing and whether we have had any exposure to the virus at mass. Father reported that we have had only one person who has attended mass report that he/she tested positive for the virus, and Father addressed the procedure used for contact tracing and testing.

### **Old Business**

Chris Williams reported our net income for our annual Golf Scramble fundraiser was \$2645, which was more than the amount budgeted. He expressed his thanks for Mike Bass for chairing that fundraiser.

Father Dale reported on the Virtual Auction Fest. Everything is falling into place and he will continue to make announcements at mass about it.

There was some discussion about the process for pricing the items on the website that have not been bid on yet.

### **New Business**

Lou Leppert facilitated a review of the current Parish Council Bylaws. A copy of them had been previously sent to each council member, and there were no questions nor concerns.

All council members voted in favor of approving the bylaws as currently written. A new copy with the updated date will be sent to all members after necessary signatures are obtained.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Administration**

Michael Thomas reported that the parish security team is still not back in full capacity because of COVID, but is still doing security for religious education on Wednesday evenings.

Chris Williams reported that we have raised \$1,147,537 for the Capital Campaign. That amount is 84% of our Capital Campaign pledge, after only 28 months.

In addition, Chris reported that this year, we have collected approximately \$144,000 in stewardship collection, and we had budgeted \$147,000. So, we are below budget. Chris urged council members to encourage folks to continue giving, including through donations and bids for our upcoming Auctionfest.

#### **Formation**

Al Zielberg reported that religious education classes are starting back in-person.

We have 15 people participating in the Monday morning Bible Study in the Parish Hall.

We have 2 adults and 3 children enrolled in our current RCIA program.

### **Parish Life**

Nancy Collette reported that most groups are still not meeting in person.

The Prayer Blanket Ministry is meeting in-person in the Parish Hall.

The Women's Club has donated two baskets to the auction and they have donated funds to the Stewards of Appalachia and body care items to local nursing homes.

The Outreach Ministry is continuing to service financial needs through phone calls. They met in-person last week and are preparing for the Christmas season.

The downtown St. Vincent De Paul will have a Santa Shop this year where families will be assigned a time to pick up gifts due to social distancing restrictions. They currently have six people working "on call" on a rotational basis to take messages off voicemails and help with financial need, which seems to be working well.

### **Stewardship**

No new report since last month.

### **Worship**

Eric Guy had nothing new to report. The Worship Committee will be meeting October 27.

There was discussion about whether to meet virtually or in-person for our next Pastoral Council meeting. Dana will send out a Google form by tomorrow to survey council members on their preference, and Father Dale will use that information to make a decision as quickly as possible about the format of the next meeting.

The meeting ended in prayer.

**The next Pastoral Council meeting is November 10, 2020 at 6:45 pm.**

Minutes submitted by Dana Steinmetz, Pastoral Council Secretary