

Pastoral Council Meeting

February 9, 2021

**Members Present:** Father Dale Cieslik, Louis Leppert, Eric Guy, Joey Followay, Chris Williams, Al Zielberg, Alexandra Rogers, Sharon Mann, Nancy Collette, Jim Ernspeker **Members Absent:** Ed Scott, Michael Thomas, Roy Greenwell

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 January minutes. Chris Williams moved the minutes be approved as written; Al Zielberg seconded, all in favor.

### **Pastor's Report**

Father Dale reported that the Town Hall Meeting to unveil the plans for the new Parish Activity Center had a turnout of about 62 attendees. Others have viewed the presentation on the parish website. The PowerPoint presentation is still attached to the website.

The Groundbreaking for the new Parish Activity Center will be on Sunday, February 21 following the 11:00am mass. Archbishop Kurtz will be presiding. All are encouraged to attend.

Ash Wednesday mass will be held on February 17 at 7:00pm. There will be a new way of sprinkling ashes to minimize contact due to COVID-19. Ashes will be sprinkled on the head this year.

The next Parish Staff meeting will be February 11 at 1:00 pm.

Father gave an update on the Super Raffle - SpringFest 2021, which will be held on Saturday, June 12, possibly all day and early evening. The new chairpeople of the Super Raffle portion of the event are Brian and Jo Rueve. Father Dale gave special thanks to Murray and Regina King for their leadership over the last 2 years. The SpringFest portion is being chaired by Joey Followay, Julie Adams and Craig Gramig.

The latest edition of the *Crossroads Messenger* will be mailed out the first part of March.

Father Dale offered special prayers for those in our parish with COVID-19.

Other work and plans of Father Dale include:

A family wedding on February 20 at 4:30 pm at St. Elizabeth of Hungary

A Priests' Support Group meeting on March 9 at 1:00, with Father Dale as the host

A Priests' Personnel Board meeting on February 25 and March 11 from 1:30-3:00 at the Pastoral Center

A retreat during the week of March 1-5

### **Old Business**

There is no old business other than the update Father Dale has already given regarding the Town Hall Meeting that occurred on February 7.

### **New Business**

Father Dale reported that our Ash Wednesday mass will look different this year due to COVID-19 and an effort to minimize contact. Ashes will be sprinkled on the head instead of rubbed onto the forehead.

Eric Guy reported that the Knights of Columbus will be doing their fish fries during Lent, but they will be for carryout only. There will be 6 total fish fries on Fridays during Lent, from February 19 through March 26. They will be from 4-7pm, with no extended menu.

Father Dale announced the hiring of our new Pastoral Associate, Paula Silliman from St. Ignatius Parish. Paula will be working part-time and starting the first part of March.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Administration**

Chris Williams reported that our mass attendance is growing. We have 110-125 members in attendance at each of our 3 weekend masses.

Chris also reported that financing for our new Parish Activity Center was secured with First Harrison's Bank.

#### **Formation**

Al Zielberg reported that the RCIA team has delayed RCIA for a few weeks because of COVID interference. Monday Bible Studies have also been delayed temporarily.

#### **Parish Life**

Nancy Collette had no news to report.

#### **Stewardship**

Ed Scott sent in nothing new to report.

#### **Worship**

Eric Guy reported that the next Worship Committee Meeting will be February 16.

One Pastoral Council member communicated a concern with the Eucharistic Ministers touching the host before and after touching people's hands. Father Dale said he can remind people to open their hands when they receive so that ministers can easily drop the host into their hands. He also said he would contact the Office of Worship again to see if they have any recommendations for this concern.

The meeting ended in prayer.

**The next Pastoral Council meeting is March 9, 2021 at 6:45 pm.**  
Minutes submitted by Dana Steinmetz, Pastoral Council Secretary