



Pastoral Council Zoom Meeting Wednesday January 27, 2021

Attendance: Members - Fr. Tom Kiely, Karen Linarelli, Frank Barrancotto, Bruce Bauer, Janis Cantu, Keith Danon, Rebecca Godina, Jack Hamlin, Steve Teixeira, Janice Teixeira, Judith Theisen, and Stephen Williams.
Guests - Gregg Sprosty and June Sprosty

Opening Prayer

The meeting opened with A Stewardship Prayer for the New Year

Community Dinner / Other Info

• **Jack reported: 1) Community Dinners:** Very busy December with around 800 meals plus more meals at Christmas, fed about 250 people for about 600 meals, seeing more new people. Social Services are not available to people on the street, seeing an increase in anxiety and aggression, told 2-5 problematic people that they cannot come anymore, so many are stretched out psychologically. **Gregg** reported that some people are aware of these people, might want to increase awareness with local church people, get photos. **Jack** indicated this is our 14th year and problems are more recent. **Fr. Tom** reported that back East all tabernacles etc. are all alarmed. **Others** indicated that door access to church does not always close all the way, need to readjust door so it closes. **2) No other info to report.**

Update on Sacred Heart Masses:

- **Stephen** reported **Mass** is still outside, Bishops will let us know when that changes.
- **Janice** reported we are doing well except for problem with not enough Ministers.
- **Gregg** reported that streaming is okay except for one recent problem. **Frank** indicated a sound problem at weekday morning Mass, speakers left out in rain. **Gregg** reported that Saturday / Sunday night crew to put back inside. **Gregg to follow up with Teofla to remind all Ministers.**
- **Teofla** not here to report but indicated no new information.
- **Judy** reported **LPI** is soliciting more advertisers for Bulletin; please let Judy know if you have any suggestions; **Bruce to send out an e-blast;** info should be sent to the preschool also. No inserts going into Bulletin unless an RSVP is required; **Annual Catholic Appeal** is coming up again soon and our Assessment remains at \$40,000; we were short last year by about \$2,000. **Janice** asked about **Thank You Section** in the Bulletin, need to continue; Judy will try to find room, needs suggestions.
- **Bruce** reported LPI sends out **Reflections** on Monday mornings; asked about sending out as email “Connect”; **Fr. Tom** said ok, send to him first to double check content.
- **Karen** reported that she will have Vince set up a section on Home Page to post previous 2 months of **Pastoral Council Minutes;** **Gregg** suggested change in 2 places on Home Page to **Masses “Continue” Outside...** **Karen to follow up with Vince.**
- **Canopies:** Damaged during last windy rain storm; **Fr. Tom** has one of them; **Janice** reported that Katie took down two torn ones, need to purchase more; **Gregg** reported that white ones are temporary, needs specific info, **Gregg to get more with Janice;** **Fr. Tom** said that 4 white ones are okay, 1 blue one is damaged.
- **Janis** reported we are now singing all Mass parts.
- **Fr. Tom** reported this is the **Year of St. Joseph,** need to recognize that more.

Preschool

• **Rebecca reported: 1) Preschool** is the same; increase number of calls of interest; need 8-10 more students to open another classroom. **2) Damage:** some outside, can purchase canopies.

Youth Group Activities

• **Summit High School Youth Group:** Recent spike in COVID cases has seen attendance go way down. December 6th had awesome Youth Group Night with lots of teens (and this is still with some parents not sending their teens because of COVID). December 13th, only a couple kids showed up. No YG on the 20th to keep everyone safe during Holidays, resumed on January 10th, but only one kid showed up; emailed parents, Teens wanted to come but parents wouldn't let them because of COVID. Thought about Zoom but kids don't want to do

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anymore Zoom since that is what they do for school. Spoke with Fr. Tom and plan to take off the next few weeks to let cases go down and parents get more comfortable; using the Sunday time to focus on Core Team formation and bonding, doing praise and worship, giving talks, hanging out and praying together. Plan is to resume on Sunday February 14th, since the 7th is Super Bowl. Continue to connect with teens via email, Instagram, group messaging, etc.; posting more frequently to Instagram with a “Saint of the Week” or a random inspirational message regarding the faith; sending these to parents via email as well. Core team and Pat are also planning on making something for the teens and dropping them off at their houses, like a rosary made out of seashells or something like that! Or maybe another care package!

- **Middle School Youth Group:** still consistent enough attendance to continue meeting in person!
- **Confirmation:** Due to lockdown plus certain Diocesan policies, we can only have 25% of max capacity of a room attend a meeting; we meet upstairs in same room as Pastoral Council and can only have half our class meet in person. So, we are using a hybrid model until we get back to red tier: Half the class comes in person and the other half is on Zoom, then the next class they flip. Last year we met in the Church Hall for Confirmation and if we met there now it would allow us to meet fully in person but with the many hats the Hall is wearing right now it's tough to make that work. Fully in person is always the best form of ministry, but we're making do. Also, parents find Confirmation to be a more “necessary” meeting for their teens to attend than Youth Group, which is why they'll still come to Confirmation but not Youth Group.

Religious Education Activities

- **Stephen reported:** 1) **Adult Bible Study:** Using Ascension press program starting February 3rd. 2) **Religious Ed:** Same numbers; about half hour on Zoom. 3) **Pre-School:** Increase in numbers. 4) **RCIA:** Four candidates; having guest speakers; goal is to bring in at Easter Vigil but no longer than 1 1/2 hours. 5) **Lenten Program:** Using “With Jesus to the Cross”; Lent is early this year; trying to be creative with Stations of the Cross, outside but no soup supper, hope to have Youth Group participate.

Welcome Committee

- **Teofla** not here but reported no new information.

Liturgy Committee / Altar & Rosary Society

- **Judy reported:** 1) **Liturgy Committee** - will work with SCC on Stations of the Cross; Ash Wednesday is 2/17, not sure how ashes will be handled; Annual Catholic Appeal starts 2/6-2/7, envelopes the following week, assessed for \$40,000, Fr. Tom needs to look at list of parishioners to improve accuracy. 2) **ARS** - Ornaments, face masks were sold to make money; still have \$10,000. 3) **Special Collections** - Problem for those not coming to Mass to get envelopes; Bruce suggested having Leigh Baesler set up a Special Collection Section in online giving; **Judy to follow up with Angela / Leigh to set this up.**

Bereavement & Grief / Other Issues

- **Janice reported:** **Funeral** - Held outside with casket, followed regular guidelines; has a list of funerals to be done when church reopens.

Roundtable

- **Fr. Tom** reported cleaned out area near Memorial Wall; grounds also needed clearing out; outside of cottages also needs work; need a Maintenance / Building Committee plus a Gardening Committee; need to keep plants coming in.
- **Gregg** reported **Knights of Columbus** had a pasta event recently, sold out by the time SH got it. St. Patty's Dinner to be “to go” this year, buy Family packs, support charities including Community Dinner at SH. Need to somehow bring attention to **Collection Basket** for donations, people seem to be just walking on by and not donating.

Closing Prayer - The meeting closed with a prayer and blessing from Fr. Tom.

Next Meeting - Next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday February 24, 2021 via ZOOM.**