

Church of St Joseph Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes March 11, 2021 - 6:30 pm - Zoom

Attending: Fr Paul Kammen-Pastor, Ann Volkert-Chair, Jon Guden-Vice Chair, Fay Connors, Paul Germann, Mike Vanderheyden, Ron Sailer, John Murphy, Pat Croke, John Wollersheim, Randy Haney-Administrator

Excused: John Murphy

Opening Prayer:

Ron Sailer

Communications with Staff & Updates

Ron Sailer-Bill indicated that Mass attendance is up and continues to rise. There is a 500 seat capacity limit now. There is a continued challenge in getting eucharistic ministers, servers and other support people for mass. Deacons Gordon and Steve have begun thinking about how to get sacraments to people in memory care facilities.

There is still no clearance for filling the baptismal font or getting choirs back together.

Fay Connors- Mychael indicated that many events are still on hold. The first meeting for the Fall Harvest Festival has been held.

Old Business:

Jon Guden indicated that there have been no meetings of the strategic planning committee in the last month. He has been researching information concerning the archdiocese and looking for strategic planning efforts there so we can nest the parish plan with the archdiocese plan.

New Business

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the book, "**A Church in Crisis**" by Ralph Martin. The intent in reading it was to give the council one perspective of how approaches may be taken to help grow the church, and in turn the parish of St. Joseph's. Father Paul suggested several other books as well including: "**The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic**"; "**Rebuilt**"; "**Awakening the Faithful**" and "**Models of the Church**".

Another discussion took place concerning the materials **Ann** received from the last **LAB meeting** with the Archdiocese staff in February. Much of it focused on information surrounding racial disparities and how the church might look at ways going forward to help eliminate them.

Randy Haney mentioned that the archdiocese is looking to fill a newly created COO position. This position would help with the creation and implementation of unification strategy that would identify how the archdiocese supports each parish. This would be done by creating and executing clear decisions; and providing consistent communication.

Parish and Financial Updates

Randy provided the following information:

The parish is a +\$74,000 Actual versus a budget of \$70,000.

Variances are +\$4,000 NET for the church; +\$100,000 NET for the school; +\$31,000 NET Pre-school. The reason for the healthy school numbers is the increased enrollment. Thought continues to be given to adding another kindergarten class. That would require 40 registrants. There is cautious optimism that this may happen for the fall.

The cemetery and capital campaigns are pretty much on budget.

There are PPP funds in reserve and will stay there at least until an official is received on whether or not the funds must be repaid.

The solar panels are now fully operational. Work will continue on the system to provide real time information on the measurement of energy being produced. It is anticipated that "live" reporting is about 2-3 weeks away.

The next meeting will take place in the church on April 8th at 6:30.

Closing Prayer

Ron Sailer

The meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Prayerfully submitted,

Michael Vanderheyden

Recorder