



Time: Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting Minutes

Date: April 14, 2020

Time: 7pm

Meeting was held via Zoom Video conferencing. All twelve PPC members, Fr. Rodger, Denny, the two trustees, and three Guardian Angels staff members were present.

Agenda Topics

7:05 Meeting Opening

Pre-Synod Prayer

Mission and Values read by Jose.

7:07 Parishioner Forum

We have received favorable comments about the inclusion of ASL (American Sign Language) with our streamed services, as well as the quality of the services in general.

7:09 Approval of February 11, 2020 Minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes made by John and seconded by Gary. Passed.

7:10 New Business

Attempts are providing connectiveness to Guardian Angels.

Sara F: Using Zoom to connect with students and parents. Using creative and engaging games.

Suzanne: Staff and others have made ~ 150 phone calls to parishioners. Send Suzanne an email if you would like another list to call.

MaryPat: Shared some of her phone calling experiences. Talked about the "Signs of Hope" on our website. She is also using Zoom to stay connected with ministries (e.g. Befrienders).

Sara F: Pray for First Eucharist candidates. (Contact Sara if you desire a specific child to pray for.) Encouraged us to submit photos for the "We are the Church" program to Carla.

Paul D (from Nancy): Also using Zoom to stay connected with youth and Et Cetera groups.

Mike H: Choir is experimenting with ways to have virtual choir practices.

Cami: Using Zoom for Movement Medications (yoga) on Thursday mornings.

Suzanne: Application deadline for lay preaching may be extended by a few weeks. We have 6 applications so far. Catholic Social Teaching sessions will soon be offered.

7:34 pm Financial Impact of Minnesota Stay at Home requirement.

Fr. Rodger reported that the elimination of services has been a financial hit to every parish. Fortunately, Guardian Angels has a well-developed e-giving program that many parishioners use. Guardian Angels application for the Small Business Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) was successful.



Denny elaborated that the PPP was processed through Platinum Bank and is retroactively effective to April 10, 2020 and will be in effect through June.

Denny reported that we are running about \$10k/week behind in stewardship contributions and are currently \$44k behind the 2019-2020 budget. We are no longer funding the reserve from the elimination of the mortgage last year. Easter donations were ~\$15k against a \$37k budget.

Denny provided an initial 2020-2021 budget. It is in Dropbox. Comments can be made directly to Denny.

Questions, concerns, and suggestions were made regarding the Fall Festival. Denny asked that suggestions be sent to Sharon.

A parish update letter will be going out to all parishioners via US Mail soon. Several PPC members offered suggestions as to how best communicate our financial “ask” perhaps utilizing the mass live streaming and the parish update letter.

8:07 Contingency Planning if the Stay at Home requirement continues into the summer.

The plan would be to continue live streaming mass services. Additional equipment is being procured to improve the streaming technology.

Access to the sacraments is a big problem. Fr. Rodger is not able to administer last rights to those in need. There is no approved way of distributing the Eucharist.

We need to think “outside the box”.

8:20 Reports.

Cami reported that much of the Synod activity is dormant. The whole Synod process may be pushed out by a full year. The deanery heard the GA Responds proposal respectfully, but all deanery reps did not agree with the proposals. Nevertheless, these recommendations will be forwarded to the Archdiocese.

The Parish Life Commission will be meeting soon via Zoom and will be discussing ways to further the LRSP initiatives.

The Food Shelf Garden will have challenges this year with volunteers. Many existing volunteers are “at risk” for the corona virus and will not be able to help. John reported plans to discontinue plants (like beans) that are labor intensive. Also, they are looking for ways for having more gardening sessions utilizing smaller groups.

Tom gave an update on CCEFS (food shelf) operations. Demand is up by 400% and the distribution has changed from the self-select, customer shopping to a customer drive up for



pre-packed food. Customers are not allowed to leave their cars and volunteers practice social distancing, masks, gloves, and sanitizers.

8:41 Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted by Tom Rasmussen