

The Church of Saint Mary Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2020

Present: Father Steve, Todd Wentworth, Mike Sponsler (past), Rita Winters (3rd), Janet Schiltgen (3rd), Jerry Kostreba (3rd), Mary Gorghuber (2nd), Jodi Rehovsky (2nd), Francie Peterson and Elmer Kobberman.

Absent: Randy Kinney (2nd), Carol Gaffaney.

The meeting was opened with prayer.

The agenda for August 12, 2020 and the minutes of the June 25, 2020 meeting were approved by consensus.

Elections

President – Rita Winters nominated Jerry Kostreba who declined the nomination. Jerry Kostreba nominated Rita Winters who accepted and was voted in by consensus.

Vice President – Jerry Kostreba nominated Mary Gorghuber who accepted and was voted in by consensus.

Secretary – Jerry Kostreba nominated Janet Schiltgen who declined. Jerry Kostreba nominated Jodi Rehovsky who accepted and was voted in by consensus.

Administrative Report

Todd Wentworth said no new action on PPP loan at this time. He stated a newsletter is coming out in September. The Bishop approved plan for re-opening of school. On 8/12/2020, Todd started working with Alexandria Economic Development to receive a grant from the Cares Act fund that the city received to help with adding necessary items (i.e. chrome books-technology, seating) due to the increased enrollment due to Covid-19. There has been a 20% enrollment increase in the past month.

Committee Reports

- Cemetery – Janet Schiltgen will remain as parish liaison. No report.
- Liturgy – Mary Gorghuber will remain as parish liaison. Estimates have been received on projection and sound system upgrade which is around \$225,000. Weddings and funerals are moving forward and all is going well. David Haas music will no longer be available after 2020 due to allegations of abuse against him from women. The committee is looking for input on how to communicate with people better to get volunteers. Recommendation was made to ask school parents to volunteer more as well as asking confirmation students.
- JPIC – Rita Winters will remain as parish liaison. The committee met on 8/12. They had a speaker from Helping Hands, Habitat for Humanity and Love Inc. They also got a legislative update.
- Stewardship – Jerry Kostreba will remain as liaison. On August 25th – 27th, there will be a virtual conference for the Diocesan Stewardship week.

- Board of Education – Small groups only for religious ed and groups may meet on different nights to reduce number of people in facility at any one time. Confirmation is set for Sunday, October 11th at 2 pm with the Bishop & Wednesday, October 14th 7 pm with the Vicar General.
- Parish Life – Jodi Rehovsky will be the new liaison. No activity at this time.
- Evangelization – Jodi Rehovsky will continue as liaison. They only have 3 members remaining which includes Jodi. They are considering joining with the Stewardship committee.
- Finance – Randy Kinney will continue as liaison. No new information.
- Human Resources – Todd Wentworth has started annual reviews which haven't been done in a decade. Focus right now is on staff safely reopening.

Old Business

- Update on Diocese of St. Cloud Chapter 11 Reorganization – Nothing new.
- Come to the Water Catholic Community Update – No update as no meetings have taken place. Meetings have been scheduled but canceled.
- Ministry for Families – No update.
- Reopening – Sunday 8/9 had 244 at 10 am mass. Suggestions were made if 250 was hit to seat people in commons area and great hall. Pastoral council recommended that the Liturgy committee make a decision on the sound and audio improvements so the improvements could be complete prior to Christmas.

New Business

- Total school enrollment is looking to be between 225 to 240 students. Last year was 196.

Janet Schiltgen
Acting Secretary