**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**

January 4, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM. The meeting was held on Zoom due to the ongoing pandemic situation.

The Opening Prayer was led by Fr. Chuck.

Members Present: Fr. Chuck, Deacon Jerry, Deacon John, Steve Browning, Genny Cretella, Al Duke, Mic Griben, Rick Heiland, Terri Horrigan, Keith Huffer, Doug Koch, Gloria Murray

Members Absent: None

Minutes Approval: The minutes of October 23, 2021, were approved unanimously on a motion by Mic, seconded by Terri.

Reading of communications

 There were no communications to report.

Pastor’s Report

 The numbers were down during the Christmas holidays but the collections were up, thanks to the continuing support of the parishioners.

 Due to the uptick in the pandemic numbers we are back to wearing masks for services, and meetings are being held on Zoom.

 The Synodal meeting was held on December 7. Fr. Chuck and Larry Ballantine will be putting the report to the archdiocese together soon.

Committee Reports

 Bicentennial (2023)

Gloria said the Bicentennial Committee meeting was held on December 14. The Mass to be held in 2023 needed to be scheduled and she would get in touch with Theresa to work on that. The Historical Committee has come up with a plan for its participation in the program and is moving forward with that.,

Education

 Terri and Genny reported:

 Elementary Faith Formation

1. The attendance at “A Night in Bethlehem” was very good with 60 children present.
2. Something similar to that will be done for Lent.

 Youth Ministry

1. There will be a Family Potluck in February, pandemic considerations permitting.
2. The Mount 2000 retreat is still on for February 11-13.
3. There will be a Lenten Program on “Journey to the Empty Tomb”.

Adult Faith Formation

1. A class on the Book of Hebrews will begin in February and will last for 8 meetings.

 Evangelization (remains in abeyance)

 Finance

Mic and Fr. Chuck noted that there was a committee meeting on November 16. In response to a question Fr. Chuck said that the profit from the Christmas in the Country was about $20,000.

The main topic for the meeting was a presentation by the group that manages funds for the archdiocese and a number of parishes, PNC Institutional Account Management. The presenter was Michelle Brandenburg. She reviewed the accounts being managed for St. Peter’s, noting that they were tending towards a more defensive investment posture due to the potential for inflation.

 Health and Safety

Rick reported that a meeting was held in November. The risk assessment is being reviewed.

Rick and Ryan did a walkthrough of the campus regarding some observed safety issues that needed work. Sullivan Hall needs new wiring. The railing on the Church steps needs repaired. The grant request for security concerns is being worked on; we are anxious to get it moving.

 Hospitality (remains in abeyance)

 Liturgy

Deacon John said the committee would meet next week. The Christmas liturgies were beautiful and the choirs were very much appreciated. Of special note was the bell choir, led by Chris Mochi, which was very good.

 Maintenance

Doug met with Theresa. She said that the software that she works with does not collect the type of information that would be useful for our purposes. Some thoughts on collecting the data that is needed: a Flock Note survey or a Time and Talent survey, etc. They will try to put together an organizational meeting; if that starts now they could be ready by spring to get working on projects. A question was raised about helping with landscaping; that will be considered later. Lastly, in the spring Rick and Ryan will do another walkthrough regarding possible future projects and work.

 Planning

Keith said that there was nothing to report at this time. He would schedule a meeting for early February. Planning would also like to do a walkthrough in the March/April timeframe. Regarding the roofs, the roofers are ordering the materials they need and when they come in the roofers will get started on the work.

 Social Concerns

 Deacon Jerry said the next meeting is January 18.

 Vocations

The committee had nothing to report. Fr. Chuck noted that Ian Nelson will be switching to St. Ignatius in Hickory as his sponsoring parish. He will remain within the Baltimore Archdiocese. The reason is that Hickory has a large rectory and there is room there for his home base. His parents have moved from our parish to New Jersey.

Old Business

 No old business.

New Business

 Elections

 Begin to think about possible candidates. Al will send out PC fact sheet to all.

 The elections are the 3rd weekend in May. Everything needs to be ready by the end of April.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mic and seconded by Keith; it was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM. The next meeting is Tuesday, February 1, 2002.

Closing prayer: Deacon John

Submitted by A. Duke, Secretary

Approved at February 1, 2022, Pastoral Council meeting.