**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**

February 1, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 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, Al Duke, Mic Griben, Rick Heiland, Terri Horrigan, Keith Huffer, Doug Koch, Gloria Murray

Members Absent: Genny Cretella

Minutes Approval: The minutes of January 4, 2021, were approved unanimously on a motion by Mic, seconded by Keith.

Reading of communications

There were no communications to report.

Pastor’s Report

Everything has been pretty calm since Christmas.

We are waiting to hear about Frederick County relaxing mandates.

There has been no decision yet regarding the Lenten fish fry this year. If that does not happen we may try to organize a nice party after Easter.

Committee Reports

Bicentennial (2023)

Gloria said the Bicentennial Committee did not meet in January. There has been a lot of correspondence regarding the celebration. Glo noted that Ruth had brought up some issues regarding the Carnival and the Gala. She thought there might be a fundraising issue. The kickoff is in September, so the committee needs to keep moving forward. As of now the next committee meeting is February 8 at 7 PM. Whether it is via Zoom or in person, or a combination of both, will be decided at that time.

Education

Terri reported the following information as presented by the Education staff.

**Elementary Faith Formation – Stacy Wright**

Night in Bethlehem, our 4-hour Christmas VBS type activity went very well. We had about 60 kids participate in the 4-hour program.

We have 2 activities coming up:

February 4th - Cards and Crafts Service Night, Children will make things for Lorien Nursing Facility and our Seminarians/ Deacons/ Religious Sisters.

March 4th - Journey to the Empty Tomb: a 2 hour family focused VBS activity.

Our Sacrament Preparation kids are about to begin their First Communion prep, with First Communion being on April 30.

Faith Formation just returned from Winter Break this past Sunday.  It was wonderful to have the kids back!

**Youth Ministry – KP**

       We started hosting evening prayer after the Monday 7 pm Masses, open to all students and parents (and anyone else who would like to join us, of course!). With Confirmation Prep starting up, we will shift our prayer time to 6:40 pm.

Mount2000, a popular high school retreat held in February at Mount St Mary, was cancelled this year due to the pandemic. To take its place, we are joining with 4 other parishes to host a day retreat for our ANCHOR teens on 5 March at St Ann's in Hagerstown.

Confirmation prep started up last night (24 January). We have 21 in the class this year, which is a few less than last year.

We will be having a 2-day retreat at Summit Lake for our students in EDGE on 11- 12 March. Monica Rubeling is leading the planning effort for that event.

**Adult Faith Formation - Carolyn Nolan**

Hebrews Bible Study will begin on February 16; there will be a morning and evening session offered; 39 people registered

Baptism Prep for parents continues to be online using FORMED

Marriage Prep Sponsor Couples continue to meet with engaged couples in person.  So far, we have 11 weddings scheduled for 2022.

RCIA has welcomed two more adults.  We have six candidates and one Elect who are in formation.

Awaiting the publication of a book on the Genius of Women and will use it to form a Women's/Mom's Group

A parishioner has made a generous donation to continue the subscription to FORMED for the parish.

Evangelization (remains in abeyance)

Finance

There is no Finance Committee meeting scheduled at this time.

Health and Safety

Rick reported that a meeting was being held concurrently with the Pastoral Council meeting. A grant is being requested for security purposes, such as cameras.

Hospitality (remains in abeyance)

Liturgy

Deacon John said the committee met on January 10. The committee mostly focused on Christmas issues. The Children’s Bell Choir will have a new leader after Easter. For further details of the meeting see Sherri’s notes. The ministry retreats will be on Saturday, March 19, from after Mass till noon. The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 7.

Maintenance

Doug said that the committee walkaround with Ryan will occur soon. The committee needs to put together a list of skilled volunteers.

Planning

Keith said that there was nothing to report at this time. No meeting is currently scheduled. We will wat util it gets warmer to have a committee walkaround with Ryan.

Social Concerns

Deacon Jerry referred people to the minutes for the details of the last meeting, Other than that, there is nothing new.

Vocations

The committee had nothing to report.

Old Business

Pastoral Council election

The Pastoral Council election is coming up. We need to find people to run. Keith will get an announcement in the bulletin.

New Business

Neighbor

Mr. Bowman’s house caught fire. The insurance declared it to be unlivable. He is ok and is living with relatives.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mic and seconded by Terri, and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 1, 2022.

Closing prayer: Deacon John

Submitted by A. Duke, Secretary

Approved at March 1, 2022, Pastoral Council meeting.