

St. Mary's Parish Pastoral Council
Minutes/Notes from informal Zoom meeting
April 20, 2020

Please note that these minutes will not follow the normal format as this was an informal meeting called by Father Charles to let the parish leadership know where things stand in light of Covid-19.

6:30 – greetings and opening prayer by Father Charles.

6:35 - Roll Call- June Maiers – by observation.

Attendees: Adam Haluska, Michel Montgomery, Fr. Charles, Jeri Bollwitt, Mark Prentice , Sue Schmitt, June Maiers.

- Motion to approve minutes – Minutes not reviewed or approved as this was an informal meeting.

6:40 – Father Charles – current status

- 6th straight Sunday of live streaming coming up
- Found a way to make audio better, received tips from Father Jeff Belger.
- Lots of thank you notes, even checks from outside parish to say thank you
- Payroll protection check was over \$43K and is to be used for salaries.
- Donations – From We Share (online donations), the parish has been receiving approximately \$3500 - \$4500/month. Parish continues to encouraging others to donate. More applications coming in to set up donations.
- Nothing new from diocese since last note sent out. Deacon Agnoli says it could be some time.
- Father does not foresee large gatherings until there is a vaccine.
- Staff is having meetings using Zoom. KC's picked up cost of the Zoom subscription.
- If held, will need to push Liturgy commission to another night (as Zoom will be in use on 04/28).

Jeri Bollwitt – Faith Formation notes

- Going to go longer during the year.
- Looking at online curriculum (Originally began to look because of snow days)
- Last week did online 8th grade confirmation class. Scheduled this week as well at 2 different times.
- Have been sending things home to younger students via emails to parents.
- Hoping to go until May 18th for confirmation
- Contacted Ascension Press – we have a free online subscription until end of June.
- Formed: when purchased for parish, there are many interesting applications.
- Class starting next week on Monday. Blessed is kids' program. Nice to offer something to kids waiting to receive their 1st communion. They have one more class left, and parish will try to schedule 1st communion as soon as possible.

Father Charles – kitchen/church loan out policy –

- Regarding lending out things from church & kitchen, coffee pots, roasters, tables, chairs, etc...
- problem with them not coming back in same condition. Need to consider what we need to do going forward...no loan policy, or charge, or what?
- Who would take care of checking items to make sure not damaged, and who is responsible to clean the items. This may present health concern issues.
- Bob wants old heavy brown tables gone – chance of injuries dealing with them.
- Per Sue: might be perfect time to institute no-loan policy. Not a huge need for items to borrow now – due to Covid-19.
- Items purchased for the church are for the church. Run into issues if items needed for church events are not there or are broken.

- Discussion – all in attendance favor of a no-loan policy certainly for now, and going forward. We are growing as a parish and don't have enough to lend to everyone. We need to protect our inventory. Fiscally responsible to do so. All agreed.

Senior Mass

- High School Seniors are missing so much this year....what can we do for Seniors of our parish. Need to reach out to them and get a photo, future plans, etc, and put together a slide show....on auto loop, on May 17th. Will have a gift available for Seniors to drive up and pick up.
- Adam: School board meeting – waiting for state to tell us what will happen. Still hope to have a graduation ceremony at some time....maybe even in June.
- Emails sent out to Seniors already getting feed back.

Miscellaneous discussion

- Stewardship on hold. Father will call Mark and include Sue to discuss going forward.
- Decorations for church/Masses being done to fit the frame of the recording.
- Diocese has laid out precisely all that can be done for Holy Days and Holy Week.
- We have crosses made from Palms by staff and Deacons
- Many parishes are not live streaming so many are watching from other locations.
- How do we evangelize going forward in this new situation?
- Drive through Communion would not be possible, but a drive-through confession has been done.
- Chuck has been doing a great job with the live stream Masses.
- Donations have been coming in from people outside of other parishes and it has been helping out. Father has been sending thank you notes.
- Went live on Facebook for a staff meeting.
- Will be working on having a live stream of the Rosary on Friday at 9 AM.
- Going forward, we may need to try YouTube and other technologies. May need to increase our investment in technology to get a better camera and better bandwidth.
- KC's next meeting on Monday 04/27 via zoom.
- Father became a 3rd degree Knight online.
- Tree at the cemetery has a hollow spot and needs to come down.
- Roof repair is on hold – per diocese. With lower income, we need to pay salaries, etc. But need to keep an eye on it to see if it is causing any other damage.

Next meeting: No plans were made for the next meeting.