

St. Mary's Parish Pastoral Council

Agenda for Business Meeting on July 30, 2020

On-Line Zoom, 6:30

6:35 – **Gathering and Welcome:** St. Mary Vision Statement

6:36 – **Roll Call** Jeri Bollwitt, Marianne Harney, Mark Sovers, Alan Wieskamp, Father Charles, Mark Prentice, Mike Montgomery, Carole Martin, Sue Schmitt, Adam Haluska, Kelli Ann McGroary-Light, June Maiers

6:39 – **Opening Prayer:** Father Charles; Diocesan Vision 20/20 prayer

6:45 – **Approval of Minutes:** June Meeting – Mike Montgomery moved, Sue Schmitt 2nd, Approved (6)

6:50 – **Commission Reports Lightning Round**

Liturgy Commission – (June Maiers) – Liturgy Commission has not been meeting due to Covid-19 and lack of Masses. Will have meeting soon.

Helping hands – (Marianne Harney) – not meeting due to Covid-19. Pat Zimmerman stepped down from co-president due to health issues. Not meeting until this fall.

Faith formation – (Jeri Bollwitt)

- open for online registration for K-12. K-6th will be online only with parent involvement.

- 7-8-9 – meeting online for check in once a week. 8th & 9th have special online ??

Under guidance of diocese – all must be online.

- 1st communion...3 are complete (8 kids), 20 more kids to go.

- Curriculum Advisory committee had a 2 hour zoom meeting. 20 invited. Several showed up and offered suggestions.

Social Action – Fr. visited with folks doing culture of life dinner. No actual dinner. Will have an online event with special speakers.

KC's – (Father Charles & Alan)

- Denver Haight – Knight of the month for helping the Nally's.

- Gwen & Mark Prentiss – Family of the month also for helping Nally's

Stewardship – no updates since last met in person.

No report from Parish Nurse, Church life, Family Life, Social Action.

7:10 – Topics

1. Cemetery arch and monument work.

Alan shared pictures of an arch going up in southern Iowa...built of steel tubes on sides with cast aluminum filled in. Powder coated steel and aluminum. Arch was a 2-inch steel tube. Cost was about \$4200. Contractor could do one like this but perhaps more elaborate, etc. It is relatively lightweight. Easy to get erected. Mostly needs to be set up and bolted in place. Lasts longer and does not rust. Alan's original plan had ½ inch perforated steel that looked like leaves...leaves many edges that could wear away. That one was about \$10K...most of cost is the fabrication...cutting of the leaves (water laser or torch).

Still working with 2 manufacturers on arch trying to get ideas on cost, what can and can't be done, availability of materials, covid-19 has caused slowdowns on manufacturing.

Alan will send out pictures of original and new concept so we can see them together and will discuss again at the next meeting.

2. Word Among Us, books. Order modifications. – 100 being ordered. We will check back at next meeting to see if numbers need to adjust. Had a standing order. September order is here and same number will be sent for October. Need to have a 2-month lead to adjust the numbers on the order.

3. Parish Directory photos. – due to the small numbers Lifetouch would only come one of 2 scheduled days. Could combine dates but would still need to have a minimum number. If we don't get enough for the August date, then we will have to reschedule again potentially to October.

4. Status of Parish Council members, nominations, discernment.

Nomination cards are usually in the pews in May with the discernment process completed by Father's Day. What are we to do this year? Should we have nominations again? June to contact Deacon Montgomery at the Diocesan offices to see what to do? Need to find a way to do anonymously. Could we postpone? June to check the by-laws as well.

5. Mass time offerings, starting Sept. 12th.

All 4 bishops meeting on August 6 to determine what will happen. We will continue online at 8:30 am, and in person at 10.

- a. Saturday, 5 PM mass time – starting August 1. Will have signup genius for Saturday night, but will not have assigned seats. Only 23 signed up to attend for Saturday, Aug 1. Will continue to have assigned seating for now, as it is beneficial to have assigned seating when so you can get more people in.
- b. 1st communion on Sunday, Aug 2, 10 AM and Sat, Sept 5, 5 pm. Open public mass on 09/05, so will have signups. Will continue to have sign ups through 09/06.
- c. As of September 11, 12 would like to have Sat at 5, Sunday, 8:30 AM, Sunday at 5 PM, without signups or assigned seating.
- d. Currently - daily mass – both live-streamed and in person. Numbers about same as before covid-19.

- e. Cleaning right now – need to wait several hours to clean – for particulates to settle. (This is a directive from the diocese.) Takes 20 minutes to get cleaning done if 2 working on, plus need solution to dry. It is difficult to get folks to help. Currently Father, Nichol, and Jeri doing cleaning.
- f. There is frustration from parishioners that we can't get to Mass or sing. Seeing other parishes and dioceses having Mass with no signups, being able to sing, etc. People are going to other parishes in Cedar Rapids. There is concern that we may not get some parishioners back. Several people mentioned frustration from parishioners who are upset that we can't get worship as we used to. Some feel it is a huge crisis and feel like the church has shut the doors, instead of opening up when we most need it.

From a medical prospective, we are seeing across the country places that opened up and are now closing again due to a resurgence of the virus. Need to consider what each area is going through. It's a real risk. The diocese has to consider spiritual health as well as physical health.

- g. Ministry Volunteers needed for open Masses will be as follows:

No mass servers
1 lector
3 ushers
1 or 2 Eucharistic Ministers, depending on deacons.

6. Miscellaneous.

- a. Per Bob: Roofing materials have not come to contractor yet. Hall is on low maintenance to save energy.
- b. Finance council putting a letter to be sent out to all parish members for financial support.
- c. Adam Kaeffring resigned as youth minister due to a new job. Need to search for someone new to take on the job.

7:45 – **Summary**

- 1. *Operations* – Ongoing parish priorities – getting Masses back and getting back to as much normal as we can safely do.

08:00 – **Next meeting** (Work Session) – August 17 at 6:30 – members to continue discussion of group reading.

08:01– **Closing Prayer:** Father Charles; Vocations Prayer

8:04 - **Adjourn**