

St. Mary's Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes for Business Meeting on September 21, 2020

On-Line Zoom, 6:30

6:30 – Gathering and Welcome: St. Mary Vision Statement

6:35 – Roll Call Jeri Bollwitt, Alan Wieskamp, Father Charles, Mark Prentice, Mike Montgomery, Carole Martin, Sue Schmitt, Adam Haluska, Kelli Ann McGroary-Light, Dennis Uhl, Bonnie Mataliano, June Maiers

6:36 – Opening Prayer: Father Charles

6:37 – Approval of Minutes: Aug. Meeting – Adam Haluska moved, Mike Montgomery 2nd, Approved (8)

6:50 – Commission Reports Lightening Round

Social Action – Bonnie – Planning a Rosary Rally, noon on 10/10 (Saturday). Thinking of Main Street Gazebo at Mushroom Park but worried about parking. Parking at Brosch was suggested. Also could have it at St. Mary – parking lot – in front of Mary. Father said fine to do at church. But thinking it would be good to have at Gazebo – public place to remind folks. Bonnie has a large banner to put up. Might need help getting banner up. Will put in bulletin or parish emails, and announce at all the masses.

Knights of Columbus – Dennis Uhl – (president as of July.)

They had been focused around national items (such as Council of the year). Now they are stepping back and will focus on 3 areas - Social, spiritual, and service.

Spiritual:

- 11/01 – go to West Bend to go to grotto
- 11/01 – help Nitcher with all Saints day alternate to Halloween
- Candle Mass

Social

- Cards/games night, nights out for dinner for KC.

Service:

- serving donuts will be starting again
- monthly food collection at Mass.
- Tootsie roll drive at FB game and at Masses on 10/01 – 10/03

Misc:

Breakfast with Santa won't happen same way. Will talk to Kevin to see if we can find an alternate approach.

- Trying to focus on St. Mary and supporting those in the parish with needs.
- May move meetings away from Monday night due to conflicts.
- Struggle with lack of fund raising – due to no Hawkeye football games. Have had to reduce funding for some things. May sell other things...premade soup, premade pizzas...lasagna...etc. Working to find other Fundraising opportunities.

Liturgy – June Maiers.

- We have not had meetings yet as all practices for Liturgy have been ordained by the Diocese. Plan to have one or 2 before Christmas.
- 8:30 Masses have been fuller...have been using chairs in the gathering space.
- From a ministry standpoint, things are looking good for our current ministers. We need to make certain that all EMHC's sanitize after receiving communion themselves. Also note that all EMHC's MUST wear a shield.
- We are short on volunteers for the 5PM Masses, and need to have Father announce at all the Masses that we are looking for ministry volunteers for that Mass.
- There will be a pet blessing on 10/04 at 4 pm.

Faith formation – Jeri Bollwitt.

- 1st class will be on Sunday night via zoom. Skipping this coming Wednesday - homecoming.
- We have 104 families, 178 students and expect the numbers to increase.
- Most families have picked up bags of Formation material, books, etc.
- Adult faith formation on Tuesday nights....going well...studying the Eucharist, led by Frank Klima. 30 or so attending so far.

Helping Hands – Marianne Harney

- They are reviewing their scholarship form and it will be sent to Jeri when finished and then sent to college sophomores.

Stewardship - Mark Sovers will be invited to next meeting – to have a bigger line item discussion at a work session. Alan will invite to the next meeting.

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

7:15 – Topics

1. Parish is getting an FM radio frequency to send broadcast to the parking lot if Mass is full, or as part of a Fall festival. Could have folks come to the door for Communion. Also considering the possibilities for Christmas Eve.
2. Need for COVID Cleaning Committee sign-up – Father Charles
Need help after weekend masses...hoping Parish Council can step up to help and get others to help. It takes 15 to 20 minutes to complete, or less time if more folks helping.
It takes 2 people to clean after every Mass. Plus good to have a reserve. There is a sign up genius built, but need recruitment. The church will provide PPE for folks to use. We have to wait until 3 hours after service to spray, and have it complete 1 hour before Mass so it dries. We have been struggling to get slots filled. We may need to set up a committee to make phone calls...and reach out one on one. Entire PC will pitch in and work on getting folks to sign up. Jeri will send link to June to send to council.
3. Word Among Us, books. All September books were gone. October to be put out soon. Will order 200 for Advent.
4. Parish Directory photos – postponed for now. No scheduled date at this time. Will contact all families to

see if they want retakes. Lifetouch closed offices until end of year.

5. Parish Council nominations/elections – suggestion from the diocese. Keep expiring members for this year if they are willing to stay. Adam and Nick are willing to stay with council another year. Mike made motion to keep officers and liasons in current positions if they are willing. Mark P. seconded. Motion passed – unanimous. (Post meeting note: KellyAnn McGroary-Light will stay on as alternate as well.)
6. Mass time offerings, Attendance and interest from parishioners: Last week we had 60, 70, 47...respectively at the Saturday 5 PM, Sunday 8:30 and Sunday 5 PM. These numbers are as expected, but we are seeing the Sunday night Mass numbers going up.
7. Could we seat parishioners every other pew? It would seem more welcoming. – Not until next phase. Our diocese, bishop's office and advisors are setting up phases and rules. Covid plan was outlined for us. They will guide us as to when to change.
8. Sign outside has been updated to reflect mass times.
Saturday, 5 pm, Sunday, 8:30 am, Sunday, 5 pm mass time
9. If hear of folks not getting church emails suggest they contact the church office to update their info.
10. Fall Festival - Is there anything we could do?
 - Could not have a meal in person. (Diocese directive). Could have drive up/pick up.
 - Could have an online silent auction....like Wears does.
 - Alan – will check with Mark and Kelli Roskopf. Also check with Marianne Harney.
 - Youth group involved in volunteering last year...could involve them as well. See if they have any ideas.
 - Culture of life group is going to be doing an online fund raiser...could ask them. (11/07)
 - Possible dates: October 3, 10, 17th . 1/07)

7:45 Summary

Operations – Ongoing parish priorities:

Adam Kaefring unable to continue as youth minister. Working to come up with plans for youth group or to hire a part time person.

7:48 – Next meeting - October 19, 6:30 PM, via Zoom.

7:50 – Closing Prayer: Mike Montgomery

8:02 – Adjourn