

St. Catherine Pastoral Council Minutes

Present: Fr. Peter Patrick, Carole Poth, Mary Brooks, Brendan Holahan, Kathy Kent, James Napper, Jessica Quintanilla, Kris Reck, Brenda Scharping, Becky Troy, Toni Wagner, Mary Krolkowski, Matt Melendes. **Excused:** **Absent:** Lissete Quintanilla

Meeting Date: April 12, 2021

Site: Virtual

Topic	Discussion	Recommendations
Mission Statement	<p>We are a Christ-centered community, the vital and spiritual presence of the Catholic Church in Sherman Park and beyond.</p> <p>Living the Gospel we:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Welcome all to participate with us – Learn and grow through God’s love – Join with others to serve the needs of our community – Honor the sanctity and diversity of life, and – Celebrate the joy of our faith and community 	
Minutes	Approved without correction	

Pastor’s Report	<p>Ian Melendes receiving his First Communion 4/25</p> <p>A student from Catherine’s is going to be baptized in the future.</p> <p>The Gift of Sunday-form small groups to discuss</p>	
Director of Admin and Oper Report	3 floors under renovation at the convent due to broken radiator	

<p>Critical Ongoing Business</p> <p>1. Pastoral Council Goals for 2020-2021, based on Called for More results (Carole, Jessica, Mary)</p>	<p>Called for More/Strategic Plan: Sebs is meeting to discuss-we can re-assess after they meet</p> <p>A. Have Called for More results been communicated to parishioners? Not yet-we want to have a good idea of what the action steps are.</p> <p>B. Foci:</p> <p>a) Faith Formation: Is this moving forward with St. Sebs? Catholic Moms, Gift of Sundays etc Jessica attending the meeting</p> <p>b) Evangelization: witness statements, outreach; need to describe what evangelization is: What is the format in which witness statements can take place? Can we start registering new parishioners? Goal is to express what faith means to you. Faith is about “we” not “me”</p>	<p>Jessica will be meeting with Sebs group for Faith Formation tomorrow and can report back.</p> <p>B: Father and Jon Metz working on researching the Alpha program: education about how to evangelize</p> <p>Yes, we can start to register new parishioners but we need to be conscious about social distancing during the conversation. We can get their number and give them a list of pastoral council numbers. Circle your name.</p>
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<p>2. Recruiting new Pastoral Council members for 2021-2022</p>	<p>c) Creating Community: do we foresee any community events over the summer?</p> <p>So far no success</p>	<p>Carole will send out an updated list of all council members (please send any updates/changes to her by Friday morning)</p> <p>C: Discussing outdoor Mass tomorrow-</p> <p>Bring about conversation about joining council and that this is an exciting year to celebrate our anniversary. Can't have loose papers at the back of Church-can we make a stuffer for the bulletin with the roles/responsibilities of Council members. Or the mailing?</p>
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<p>New Business</p>	<p>Deanery Meeting April 26-7pm. Saturday 4/17-clean up the church. Once the outside is done, there is plenty inside to do!</p>	<p>Mary Brooks and Brandon will attend</p>
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<p>Committee reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School-Parent meeting was a success. Parents would like to meet face to face. Would like to return once more are vaccinated. Virtual was difficult as there are so many platforms to utilize. Parents reported would be good if there was more food available for snacks during the day. • Finance-Maybe trying to have a 50/50 raffle still. Request for money needs to go through the Bequest Endowment fund. • Spiritual Life & Worship-meeting tomorrow to talk about centennial, outdoor Mass • Christian Formation-Called for More-Sebs is working off a different type of the survey (more open ended questions). New Faith Formation teacher needed-one is leaving to go to grad school. Would help to be more cohesive with regard to our programs. • Stewardship • Human concerns Facing Racism-4/26 Jon Metz is contact person for meeting 		<p>Brenda will talk to Food Pantry to see if we can evangelize to the people there and invite them somehow. Bulletin would be cost-prohibitive due to volume needed.</p>
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<p>Food Pantry-966 people served (up about 400 from past years, 1st quarter). Grab and go. Opens at 830 SVdP-not much to report Senior-New interfaith group is located in Waukesha and a little slow to get going.</p> <p>Centennial: The group is meeting and moving along well. Brendan is in charge of social media. Team is collecting memorabilia and working on logo, etc.</p>		
<p>Pulpit announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4/18-Mary K • 4/25-Brandon • 5/2- • 5/9- 		<p>We are still figuring out what this will look like: no shared resources, they can take home papers but not put them back.</p>
<p>Closing reflection: "Our deliberations this evening helped further our Parish Mission by . . ." Next meeting May</p>	<p>Community, outreach. Helping us to be on the same page and realize how closely we collaborate. We, not me</p>	
<p>Meeting adjourned at 830</p>		