

# Sacred Heart Pastoral Council Minutes

August 11, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm. Opening Prayer by Fr. Portelli.

Members present (video conference): Fr. Portelli, Dave Poxon, Joe Sisco, Jamie Cameron, John Cantalin, Mark Graveline, Melissa Esiline and Mark Harris.

Council reviewed and approved the minutes from the June 30, 2020 meeting.

## Updates

**Saint Augustine Hymnals – Father/Poxon:** The parish purchased 360 copies of the Hymnal. We are planning to start using them at the beginning of Advent. We are paying off the hymnals over a timeframe of 3.2 years. After that point we will no longer have to pay a yearly amount for hymnals as in the past. A mailing was sent out to parishioners to purchase a hymnal as a memorial (label on the inside of the hymnal) to their loved ones. So far 82 have been purchased. There is a sleeve that can be purchased for those who wish to purchase their own private hymnal that they would bring and take home with them. Dave will purchase a sample to see if its worth offering to parishioners purchasing their own hymnals to take home.

**Judge Shaffer Endowment-Poxon:** Meeting with Kristen Smith, Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan (CCFMM). The meeting will be set up by Jill when she returns from vacation.

**SHP Security Plan Update-Cantalin/Poxon:** Virtual meeting scheduled for 8/13/20. Since it has been difficult to get ahold of the proper people to proceed, John and Dave are going to meet via phone to try and make some progress with the plan.

**Mass Attendance Trend and Options-Father:** Father emailed a printout to the council that shows the attendance trend beginning May 30 and running through the present August 8. The graph/numbers are showing a slight increase from May (110 in attendance Saturday & Sunday) to August (188 in attendance Saturday & Sunday). Father has noticed that people were not making use of the choir loft until this past weekend (8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>). We are close to reaching our capacity of 120 on Sundays (109 on the 9<sup>th</sup>). Father is encouraging those who can, attend on Saturday when our numbers are lower. Father expects our numbers to possibly go down after Labor Day when visitors head home. We will find out August 30<sup>th</sup> if the Bishop extends our current proceedings or lifts some of the restrictions.

**New Member Welcoming Committee-Melissa:** Melissa has not heard any updates from Mary on how everything is going. Melissa plans on talking to Mary tomorrow. Dave was wondering if Mary is asking if there is a need or interest in getting a tour of the facilities? Melissa will check with Mary.

## New Business

**Publication of PC Minutes to Parish - Poxon:** Mary wanted to know if she should publish the PC minutes in the bulletin? Is this beneficial to the parish? Joe, John, and Melissa think publishing the minutes is a great idea. Father says we are limited on space in the bulletin each week. Once a month we can include an insert at no extra cost. Summarizing minutes would be extra work. Father suggests putting a blurb in the bulletin stating there is access to the minutes through our parish website. Parishioner who do not have internet access can call the office and have a copy sent to them.

Once minutes are approved Dave will give the minutes to Mary to save to Parish files and include a link in the bulletin. Mary will continue to post the minutes to our website under Councils and Commissions. Dave will talk to Terri so we can coordinate our efforts with STA.

**Christ Mission Appeal (CSA) Target - Father:** Last year our goal went up 15% and this year the increase was much more moderate. Our target this year is \$49,680. If there is a surplus, we are looking to do something for the parish youth. Our participation in the March for Life this upcoming year is cancelled so offering to pay altar servers' way is off the table. Mark suggested a donation to a pregnancy center, closest one in Midland possibly. Father suggested Gladwin County Right to Life is a possibility. There was a suggestion of purchasing equipment for the youth in the future. Since we have time, we are tabling the discussion till after the CSA is in progress.

**Response Action Plan for Possible Exposure of COVID-19 at a Parish - Father:** The Diocese released a Response Action Plan for Possible Exposure of COVID-19 at a Parish. There are 8 steps in the plan. Father emailed it to the staff and the mission. John had been waiting on this document for the Security Plan and will add the document to the plan.

### **Open Discussion**

**New Faith Formation-Father:** We are overhauling Faith Formation. We are doing a monthly meeting with parents and at home learning the other three weeks. The parish will give the parents the tools they need to teach their children at home. We will eat together, then have class together, and we plan to have guest speakers come to help with the lessons as much as possible.

**Parking lot Masses-Father:** If the Bishop says to continue as we are after August 30<sup>th</sup>, Father is considering doing parking lot Masses. If he does it he would do Saturday only due to having to be in Harrison on Sundays. Mark G. suggested not using the radio, just use a speaker. Father said it is an option, although not everyone would be able to hear. If we did an outside Mass Father would need assistance with parking to ensure everyone is facing the correct way and also with set up and take down. Mark G. suggested the East end of the Activity Center then people could bring chairs and sit on the lawn.

**Next Meeting Zoom - October 13, 2020**

**Closing Prayer by Father at 7:25 pm.**

Recording Minutes: Jamie Cameron/Dave Poxon

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