

Sacred Heart Pastoral Council Minutes

April 13, 2021

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

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

Council reviewed and approved the minutes from the January 26, 2021 meeting.

Updates:

- **Mass Attendance Trend and Options - Father:** Father displayed a spreadsheet of mass attendance over the last year which showed the drop off due to being shut down from Corona Virus in March of 2020. It indicated an increase in October 2021 when we were allowed/able to return, but then a drop again when the "Snowbirds" headed south for the winter. We are currently seeing a rise as parishioners return. Bad news, we are down considerably from pre-Corona Virus. Good news, we are currently trending upwards. We can now operate at full capacity and the tape on pews has been removed. A deep clean is being performed after the largest weekend mass.
- **Status of Campus Renovation Project (Timeline)- Father:** The committee had two meetings last week to go over bids coming in from Three Rivers Construction, Wobig Construction, and Graham Construction. Three Rivers came in within \$4500 of Graham. Three Rivers bid for complete package (interior renovation and narthex) was the lowest and also involved the largest number of local contractors. The bids we have been given are locked in as long as we respond within 60 days. Material costs have risen nearly 40% from eight months ago. Due to the rise in material cost SHP has the money to renovate the church, but not the Narthex. The Narthex will be moved to a phase 2 project. Some issues with meetings being cancelled and staff on vacation had the potential to delay the project's approval to move forward. Father contacted Father O'Connor who is going to push the approval through so we can move forward with construction. Food for thought, should we redo the parking lot since we are not doing the Narthex or save the money for eventual development of the Narthex? Father believes the parish would rather save the money for the Narthex and not use it on the parking lot. We may be able to combine the parking lot and the Narthex as a package deal in phase two.

New Business:

- **A Parish Welcome Back Plan for 2021 - Father:** The Prenger Solutions Group video Father sent out to the council, covered a program to plan a welcome back plan for your Parish after Covid. Father believes labeling it a reopening is anticlimactic as we have been open for nearly a year now. Father believes the Corpus Christi Mass and procession is our de facto welcome back event. Father also believes the Parish mission, with Fr. Bill Casey on May 2-5, should also bring many people back. Dave suggested providing candles for SHP & STA parishes that allow families to decorate their candles expressing their desire to return to normal church in person attendance. Families will be encouraged to pick up their candles at the office and prepare them to carry them during the Corpus Christi procession. Dave will take the lead on preparing and advertising the candles. The candles will be a part of the Pastoral Council station.

- **Electronic communication tools** – Father. We continue to use the myParish App, Formed, Parish website, Facebook, YouTube, FlockNote, and Parishioner Survey. All are active. Zoom meetings will be reduced since return to in person events. It is doubtful that we will be using the radio transmitter for parking lot Masses. Their value was questionable, as there was no change in attendance for the seven times, we had them. EHMC visits to shut-ins resumes this week.
- **Parish Renew-Parish Reconnect Plan – FR.** Per Bishop Gruss, a diocesan team is putting together some resources, ideas, and templates for us to use to invite parishioners back to Mass and reconnect with parish life. Timeline unknown, but an invitation for feedback will be sent to clergy by the end of this week.
- **Bp. Gruss To Attend Our Corpus Christi Procession June 6, 2021 - Fr./Poxon:** There will be no change to the Procession due to mass being held in the Activity Center. For the Corpus Christi Planning Process, Father will take the lead. The Knights of Columbus are on board to participate as Color Guard. Altar Servers, and Religious Education children, are all on board to participate. Father has permission from property owners to use their property for the four stations. Father is working with the police to have intersections blocked off for crossing streets. Father needs more people from every group mentioned. Three of the four stations are STA groups (two have not yet confirmed they will participate, but Father expects that they will). SHP and STA Pastoral Councils have volunteered to represent a station. Dave will work with Terri Koehler to do some research on the design of the station. Volunteers for Pastoral Council are Dave Poxon, and Melissa Esiline. Father needs a person to shoot video of the procession.
- **Pastoral/Finance Council Nomination Process- Poxon:** Usually announced in the bulletin looking for volunteers to join the council. Dave is working with Jill on getting the info in the bulletin. Four volunteers are needed for PC and 1 additional member for FC.

Next Meeting – Joint Zoom Session with STA - May 12, 2021 6:15 p.m.

Closing Prayer by Father at 8:10 pm.

Recording Minutes: Jamie Cameron/Dave Poxon

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