



Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Father Peter Grace, CP
Wednesday, July 15, 2020

Members: Father Peter Grace, Martin Dramou, Mike Ellison, Joseph Forthofer, Mary Hansen, Misael Jaramillo, Louise Lupo, Anne Miller, Stephanie Morales, Laura Olmedo, Dean Penny, Kevin Pilotte, Andrea Ramirez, Victor Sanchez, Jon Soika,

Members Excused: Joseph Forthofer and Jon Soika

Members Absent: Martin Dramou, Stephanie Morales, and Andrea Ramirez

Opening Prayer: Victor Sanchez

Guests: Lisa Deeren, Patrick Ginty and Jim Moynihan

Approval of Minutes: May minutes were approved by Mike Ellison with corrections and seconded by Anne Miller, all agreed

Youth Report: No members of this group were present.

Finance Report: Dean Penny

In 2019 we had about \$100K per month in expenses. This year we have been able to reduce this to about \$50K for the months of March, April, and May. This has been directly due to the assistance of the dioceses. The interest of the mortgage loan for the Parish Center was reduced and our expenses to the dioceses were put on hold due to the Covid pandemic. Some of the expenses will be reinstated and we will need to start making some of the payments again. The Learning Center lease was paid off so that has helped in the monthly expenditure. We are looking at different computer software to make it easier for us to receive online donations.

The budget for 2020-2021 was approved by Mike Ellison and seconded by Mary Hansen. All agreed.

Columbarium has a master plan. Dean went over all the new plans that have been added and the phases in which the plan will be executed. This will include the columbarium phase I and phase II, church expansion, narthex expansion, day chapel, consolidation of office space, classroom building and social hall. This will also include the storage building that has been put on hold for the time being due to Covid.

In phase one (I) the columbarium will hold 600-1,000 and phase two (II) will hold 1300 – 2000 niches. There will also be plaques for people who want their loved ones remembered but are not interned there. This will be determined later (the actual cost of engraving and maintenance). The cost for a niche is \$4,000 for 2 people sharing from the same family. A shared occupancy from different families



will be \$2,500 each. The cost for non-parishioners will be \$6,000. There are payment plans available but must be paid off before the person is interred. This plan is below the market value. If all niches are sold the entire master building plan will be funded.

Covid-19 Policies: Lisa Deeren – Patrick Ginty

A document has been made for best practices from the diocese and is on our website

There has been some confusion in the scheduling for the Eucharistic ministers. Carmen has overseen this in the past. We need to make sure that this is rectified.

Alter servers seems to also have some scheduling issues. We need at least one per mass.

Communion will be administered with parishioners staying in the pews and the priests or eucharistic ministers will come down and serve from the empty pews. This will help with the social distancing. There was a discussion about who will remove the tassels that are in place to keep people out of the closed pews. Kevin said he will reach out to the ushers to see if they can remove them just before communion and replace them after mass.

It was suggested that people to bring their own hand sanitizer to mass.

Readers and singers at the front of the church are removing their masks. There was a discussion as to what the policy should be. State regulations say that when making a statement the masks can be removed and then replaced.

Readers should make sure they are using hand sanitizer before going up and returning to their seats.

Missals that are in the narthex are for people to take home and keep. They are encouraged to bring them back for their own use weekly.

People without masks can sit in the front pews of the church on either side of the altar. There was a discussion about this and not all council members agree that this is the best policy. Some feel that if someone does not want to adhere to the state mandated policy of wearing masks in public places, that they should be seated in the parish center and watch mass that is streamed in there.

IFF: Jim Moynihan

The first IFF dinner night was a success. The theme of the night was Mexico. The team did a great job. There were 231 meals sold. There were 300 portions prepared and so the remaining unsold plates were given to the migrant workers. After all expenses there was a \$600 profit. Some of the expenses were a onetime thing (such as the sign) and so the future looks bright.

July 15, 2020

ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH



The Ladies Guide made desserts and will continue to for the future dates.

Youth group did a great job and will also continue to help at the future dates.

The biggest problem was a low turnout. So as a parish we need to really promote the next one which is on August 14 – Greece, Sept 18 – Cuba, Oct 9 – Germany and on Nov 7 there will be multiple countries.

As a church the state allows us to have two raffles a year. (More than that is considered gambling.) A new raffle has been presented that should be extremely popular.

Concept: The ticket is \$10 and will be put in a hopper that can be drawn every day in the month of October. Even if the ticket is a winner it will be put back into the hopper so you can win multiple times during the month. Every day has a different dollar amount that can be won. The amounts range from \$50-\$500.

We should be able to start selling tickets August 1st. We need to sell 400 tickets to break even with the costs of the prizes and the printing expenses. There will be \$2,800 available for prize money. Online sales will be available, and the daily winner will be posted on the church's Facebook page.

Old Business:

Elections:

Mary Hansen

A handout was given and was approved for the new election needs for the coming years. Mike Ellison made the motion to approve and Laura Olmedo seconded. All agreed.

Father Peter has appointed Patrick Ginty and George Lozano to the council.

Safety Report:

Kevin Pilotte

The statement made at July Pastoral meeting regarding Joe's work as the Safe Environment team leader was incorrect. Joe worked with St Ann staff and the diocese for seven months to implement appropriate corrective actions to bring St Ann into compliance with the diocesan Child and Youth Protection program by February 2020.

A copy of his letter was given to council members.

It will also be adding the social distancing aspect that needs to be adhered to.

We are looking for a new leader to take on this ministry. Father will be talking to Lisa Deeren to head this.

There are now English and Spanish online certifications for catechists.

We will be offering online faith formation as well.

New Business:



Virtual vs Physical Meetings for the Parish Council

After a lengthy discussion about this issue it was voted on:

1 – if possible, all members should be in physical attendance for the meeting
2 – everyone is virtual (this is due to the cohesiveness of the meeting and the technology)

3 –Hybrid meeting and only with prior knowledge to the chairman, will someone be excused from the meeting if they need to attend virtually due to unforeseen circumstances.

We need to invest in better equipment so that virtual meetings can take place without the technical problems that we are having now.

It is understood that we are to meet in person at the church unless otherwise instructed.

Louise Lupo - Giving Tree Mass

There will be an appreciation mass on August 21 at 8 am for all who have contributed to the giving tree. An effort is being made to notify all the families so that they can attend if they so wish. The sign-up genius will be affected so that people can sign-up to attend. This is so we comply to the social distancing policy.

Comments:

Fr. Peter – BAA

There will be one last appeal with another letter going out to the parishioners that Fr. Peter is working on with the help of the diocese to show how we have been helped during the pandemic in hopes of increasing our collection amount.

Fr. Thomas Duggan is assigned to us and Fr. Hector's visa was extended so he is still in residence.

Closing Prayer: Father Peter

Thank you to the ushers who have to deal with the difficult people who do not want to wear the masks and all the new policies in place that make the ushers jobs that much more appreciated.

Next meeting is Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 7 pm

Meeting was adjourned at 9:24 pm
Respectfully submitted, Mary Hansen