



Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Father Peter Grace, CP
Monday, October 19, 2020

Members: Father Peter Grace, Martin Dramou, Mike Ellison, Patrick Ginty, Mary Hansen, Misael Jaramillo, George Lozano, Louise Lupo, Marco Maya, Anne Miller, Laura Olmedo, Dean Penny, Kevin Pilotte, Andrea Ramirez, Victor Sanchez, Sean Skelly, Jon Soika

Members Excused: George Lozano, Kevin Pilotte, Sean Skelly

Members Absent: Martin Dramou

Opening Prayer: Jon Soika

Guests: Karen Blair, Jim Moynihan

Approval of Minutes: September minutes were approved by Mike and seconded by Patrick; all agreed.

Youth Report: Andrea Ramirez

The rescheduled camping retreat will be held Friday, October 23. The group will again be providing assistance to the final IFF event for the year, which will be held November 7. With some schools resuming in-person instruction, there is the hope the participation level may increase.

IFF Update: Jim Moynihan

- With cancellation of main the main IFF, the committee has been doing its best to bring a large contribution via the drive-through events.
- To date, the October raffle has yielded more than \$13K for net profit.
- Seven countries to be represented at the 11/7 multinational drive-through event; volunteers will be needed!
- Hoping for net food profit of \$11K (including estimated \$5,500 for 11/7 event).
- Total profit from food + raffle is estimated at \$24K.
- Averaging 200 plates thus far for drive-through events.
- Mexico bore all expenses in line item tally because it was the first event.
- The 11/7 menus have been posted on the parish website.
- Silent auction was considered, but logistical challenges were too numerous.
- Additional activities after the new year are being considered; may be heavily COVID-dependent.
- The biggest hurdle has been spreading the word because of the low attendance at Mass.
- Next year, a second raffle may be organized.



- Q: is there enough attendance for a to-go breakfast on Sunday mornings?
A: Obstacle is church attendance; many folks like to head out directly after Mass. Managing traffic would also be a challenge.
- Proceeds going to general fund; finance council voted to take \$25K and apply toward mortgage.
- The parish is sincerely appreciative of the group's efforts.

Finance Report:

Dean Penny

Dean's complete update is attached. Below are some highlights.

Finance Report/Update

- Total weekend Mass attendance is around 1,000.
- September offertory was \$57,103—around \$10K below budget (based on \$25/family/month).
- Total monthly budget = \$125,000 (\$42/family/month).

Columbarium Design Update

- 5 niches sold to date.
- Building Committee is moving forward with phase I design; renderings coming soon.
- In-Mass announcement to be made on All Saints weekend.
- Event will be held on the afternoon of Nov. 17—local funeral homes will be invited to come in, hear about Columbarium, and set up a booth to offer information to attendees about their services.
- Several options are being considered, including, fountain, landscaping, etc.
- A few benches are being included in the design.

Art Mosaic and Divine Mercy Update

- Mosaics being considered in three archways on the altar, including behind the tabernacle. The three St. Ann feast days are being considered. Currently working with the artist on potential images.

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- Online donations directly to the parish will be possible.

**Hispanic Committees
Update:**

Marco Maya

- Victor Moreno is new representative of Hispanic community.
- Meeting about Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration has been held; events will be more spread out this year across different times.
 - This year's feast falls on a Saturday; we're waiting to hear from the bishop as to how Masses will be handled. Perhaps Friday night/Saturday at midnight would be the first Mass.
- The 10/24 and 10/25 Spanish Masses will include a verbal appeal by Fr. Hector and some parishioners to increase regular giving.
- Fr. Grace:



- We're also looking at how to handle Christmas Masses and maintain social distancing.

Offertory Program: Fr. Grace

Letter was sent on Saturday regarding offertory. It asks parishioners to examine their weekly offering. Additional communications will follow.

COVID continues to be a concern in terms of people staying away. However, lots of activities are ongoing around the parish; with two language groups, in a sense, many folks are only aware of half of what is going on. Working on telephone campaign to continue to reach out to parishioners who have not come in a while.

At 9:30 AM, they are averaging around 160 people in church and 100 in parish center. 160 – 180 is the approximate capacity in the church with social distancing. Fr. Hector (or the celebrant) comes to the parish center to administer Communion to overflow crowd.

Patrick: about 1/3 of parishioners who usually attended Masses are coming now. The question is how to reach those who are not coming. For anyone who is interested in learning how to approach others and wants to discuss opportunities to do so, he is most willing to speak with others.

Some ministries are resuming activities.

Mike noted for many years this parish had many small group gatherings and meetings; this is still very possible with virtual platforms. It could be an entirely social endeavor. A web meeting could be more personable than even a phone call because of the face-to-face opportunities. Fr. Peter noted some groups are meeting around the parish through virtual means. Some groups are actively visiting homes. Patrick - Perhaps it's a multistep process: a phone call first, and then become engaged in a virtual group. Dean – there are different people we need to reach; the people coming now have committed to doing so—they will be here; perhaps we try to link people together who are part of the crowd who is not coming. Fr. Grace – the pool of people to undertake various efforts is extremely small, so significant action is difficult.

Anne noted there is a great deal of mental stress with the pandemic. Many people feel insecure and have or are on the verge of moving out of the area to be closer to family members or others.

Mary is willing to be part of a telephone effort; she wonders how many of our older parishioners know how to access the Masses through the internet; perhaps this could be a one-time assistance.

Mike noted that every child was given a Mass attendance card to be completed each week. Anne noted that more folks coming to Mass will keep others from attending due to discomfort. Mike reiterated the availability of livestreaming to accommodate overflow.

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ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH



Patrick: in announcements, can we remove the line, “if you don’t have a mask, we ask you to kindly leave”?

Mary: how often are we thanking the folks for volunteering, wearing masks, etc.? Some positive reinforcements/acknowledgement may go a long way.

Anne acknowledged the sincere efforts of the parish staff in their tireless efforts.

A phone campaign should wait until after the election due to high level of phone calls.

Marco raised the possibility of a second COVID wave and Masses being affected, especially depending on the results of the election.

Dean: Sandy has been working with the diocese on a new online giving app (WeShare?). Once it is fully tested, more communication about it will be given.

Promoting Ministries: Fr. Grace

The Good Shepherd format will be followed and will include an invitation to share in the ministries of the parish. It will feature testimony of current volunteers.

New Business:

Topic:

Website – Anne

Website is looking good, but we need to add “Church” following “St. Ann Catholic” at the top of the homepage.

Facebook – Mary

Can we add a giving link on the St. Ann Facebook page?

Closing Prayer: Father Peter

The next meeting is Monday, November 16, 2020 at 7 PM in the Parish Center.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

These notes were respectfully submitted by Jonathan Soika.