

Holy Spirit Parish Council

December 1, 2020

Present: Fr. Doug Krings, Aubrey Rearden, Dave Glaeske, Lori Durocher, Greg Matsko, Gina Hansen, Rick Lopes, Marquita Cheary, Dawn Clutter-Colins

1. The meeting was started with the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.
2. The minutes of the November meeting were approved with corrections to Matt Doan's last name, and the clarification of the number of students enrolled in Holy Spirit School. As of 10/29/2020 106 students were enrolled K-8 and 37 students are enrolled in Pre-K and Tiny Tots for a total of 143 students which is down from 171 last year.
3. The school update was given by Fr. Doug and Aubrey. Gina is the liaison to the school board, but the school board has not been formed. Melissa Hallahan is taking nominations. Dawn asked what the timeline is for forming the board. Fr. Doug said COVID is complicating the ability to meet and is uncertain of the other complicating factors. It was decided to invite Melissa to the January meeting to get information about the school and formation of the board. Fr. will invite Melissa and Rick volunteered to talk with her as well.
4. The Diocesan Pastoral Council meets 12/19. Dawn reported the Bishop will ask questions about the Vicariate and our Parish. Dawn requested information to present to the Bishop on how things are going in the Parish. Discussion was held:
 - a. Good things are still happening in the parish: out-reach to the homebound, and Eucharist is being delivered to those requesting it. Marileen Michaels and Cindy are calling parishioners and the bereavement group is still meeting. Mass is being streamed, daily and 8:30 on Sunday. Adoration is on-going.
 - b. Aubrey noted that we are missing the teens and young adults. She also reported that parishioners are asking why we don't follow stricter protocols, but she reminds them that we are following guidelines.
 - c. Everyone is encouraged to contact Dawn with other comments or information.
5. Each member was given the task to bring a name of a potential new member. Dave spoke with Kate and Paul Jones who declined. Lori spoke with Jeff and Janice Fauque who said they will give it consideration. Gina presented Julia Fitzpatrick who is interested. Fr. Doug will talk to the interested people. Other council members are encouraged to bring names of interested people to the next meeting.
6. Aubrey gave an update on Christmas. There will be 4 Christmas Eve masses; 2:30, 4:30, 7:00, & 9:00. Christmas Day mass is at 9:00 a.m. Every mass will be live streamed. Fr. Jay will be saying some of the masses. Children's mass will be 2:30 and 4:30. Mass numbers will be limited to 350 for each mass to meet the mandate of 50% capacity. Marquita suggested using a method for people to indicate the mass they are planning to attend. This way people can plan their mass time and hopefully even out the attendance at the masses.
 - a. Mass for the Immaculate Conception of Mary will be Tues 12/8; 8:45 school mass, 12:15, and 5:15 all masses at the parish.

- b. Mass for the Solemnity of Mary will be 12/31 at 6:00 followed by adoration from 7:00-9:00.
 - c. New Years Day mass will be at 9:00 a.m.
- 7. The administrator's report was given by Aubrey.
 - a. A letter will be mailed to the parishioners in December from Fr. Doug about tithing and supporting the parish as well as each other. The letter will include the Christmas mass schedule. Aubrey asked the opinion of the council for using live stream during mass to request parishioners to give to the collection. Some other churches have implemented this. A suggestion was made to add a link to the live stream for people to access. Fr. Doug stated that he is not in favor of doing this, he feels it isn't the right place or way to ask for money, that there are other ways to get the message out. The council is in agreement.
 - b. The server is here and working. We are still on hold for the light evaluation.
 - c. Financially we are still doing o.k. Overall collection was up 1% in September, October was about the same as last year. Loose collections are down but still o.k. The building fund and care and share are down.
 - d. The Parish Relief Fund is now negative \$2000. Parish relief fund is money donated by parishioners and given to people needing help with rent, bus passes, groceries, etc. People come into the parish and ask for help, they talk to Fr. Doug and Cindy and are given assistance. No cash is given. It also supplements St. Jude Conference, and they have an increased need.
- 8. Loose collection: The October donation went to Toby's House. The November donation will be \$110 to Juvenile Detention Center, and the December donation will go to Mercy Home.
- 9. Commission reports:
 - a. Religious Formation did not meet. Marquita asked about Faith Formation in the elementary. The elementary students are meeting on Wednesday some are following faith formation at home. There are 30-35 students enrolled in Sacramental Prep. Aubrey will confirm the number.
 - b. Worship Commission was reported on by Dave. The majority of the meeting was about Christmas. The live stream bridge is done, and masses will be live streamed. They discussed the advent environment. The wreath is placed in the front of the church and the nativity is placed on the ledge and will be moved toward the altar each week. Lori Kessler and Aubrey decorated the church.
 - i. The Tabernacle will be moved to the Altar platform between the columns to make it visible to everyone during mass.
 - c. Christian Service Commission was reported on by Lori. Cindy provided everyone with a copy of the minutes from the last meeting. The commission is still exploring a project. They have explored the needs of the community. They are also exploring the need to connect with and engage with our parish community. They are exploring the possibility of calling or reaching out to other people who are missing at mass but attending online such as young families, etc. Dawn commented that prior to COVID our parish community was well connected, and

we were able to reach out to the community at large, but now we need to support our parish community and connect with each other.

10. We discussed the Synod. We were asked to develop questions and suggestions for the Synod. The goal of the Synod is not clear, Fr. said he doesn't have a good feel for the goal of the Synod. Aubrey explained the Synod is looking for information about the domestic church, how the church looks in our homes. The Synod is looking for ways to influence the way church is lived at home and how that can flow into the parish community. Council members are encouraged to reflect and answer how church looks in our homes. Send reflections to Darren or Aubrey.
11. Thank-you cards will be brought next month and be sent to Martin and Randy Triplett for removing the trees and to Lori Kessler for helping decorate the church.
12. The meeting will be January 5 at 6:30.
13. The meeting was closed, Fr. Doug led the closing prayer and blessed the council.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Durocher