

Holy Redeemer Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

May 27, 2020 @ 4:30 PM via Google Hangouts

Council Members in attendance:

Father Paul Nwaeze
Father Rick Lorenz
Donna Bisson
Cathy Deogrades
David Dupuis
Ted Hurley
Wayne Watts

Other attendees: Cathy Koss (Youth Coordinator), Sharon Sudsbear (Catholic Women's League), Bob Near (Knights of Columbus)

Call meeting to order

- Wayne called the meeting to order at 4:40pm
- Due to the Covid-19 Coronavirus and isolation measures in place the meeting took place online through Google Hangouts

1) Approval of April minutes - approved

2) Covid 19 update and plan for re-opening

- a. Father Paul and Father Rick have been busy reaching out to parishioners and providing for their spiritual needs
- b. the parish has also assisted with financial help to those in need
- c. the church is currently open for baptisms, funerals, and weddings under certain restrictions
- d. one wedding is planned for August 8th and the couple is prepared to have only 5 people present - themselves, two people to witness and the priest
- e. How do we prepare for the future phases of re-opening:
 - i. Father Paul suggested we keep the church closed until we can fill most of the church – he does not feel we should exclude people so if only 50 people are allowed we will continue with online masses – council agreed with Father Paul
 - ii. Next steps include determining how to sanitize the restrooms, cleaning the church between masses and how to enforce social distancing amongst parishioners who want to connect and socialize after mass
 - iii. One weekend mass will continue online for people as an option once the church reopens and Father Paul is looking at a permanent installation of a camera for this purpose
 - iv. Virtual meetings remain an option for the various ministries to function
 - v. A second wave of calls is planned to all registered parishioners (almost 1000) the calls will be done by Father Paul, office staff and some parish volunteers – in addition to checking in on parishioners these calls will be used to get email addresses and cell phone numbers, etc. so communication methods can be updated
 - vi. The parish now has flock notes for sending mass emails and texts

3) New Website

- Most on the committee felt the site looked good
- Donna and Ted did not like the promotion of the web developer on the site
- Mass times should be more visible at the top
- Facebook mass time and the link to the masses should be the first item at the top of the page; it is part of the scrolling banner, but many felt it should be very visible all the time

4) New Business

- Virtual AGM
 - i. The AGM will be broadcast via Facebook Live, Wednesday, June 17th @ 7:00 p.m. (Note this needs to be changed on the parish website calendar)
 - ii. A phone number will be announced and listed in the chat - parishioners can phone in if they have a question. Questions can also be submitted via chat and someone will be monitoring for questions
 - iii. There will be a small group of people onsite at the church to do this
 - iv. Nominations close next Wednesday, June 3rd – Donna will contact the nominated people, confirm they are interested and then Father Paul will speak with them
 - v. Once it is confirmed they are interested their names will be posted in the bulletin and on the parish website
 - vi. If we do not receive additional nominations the 3 can be acclaimed and there is no need for a vote; Donna to notify council once the nominations close
- Online Alpha begins June 1st
 - i. David and a small team have organized the course for online delivery
 - ii. 12 people are registered and there are 4 leaders
- The Knights had 9 exemplifications in the last month via the new online system
- The Knights are helping Father Rick move on Friday and earlier today they presented him with a parting gift
- This Friday night Cathy Koss and her husband are running the first virtual marriage course with 7 couples
- Marc Gaudet, our seminarian, will run the junior and senior youth groups that evening for Cathy
- RCIA – David has made some suggestions on how to do the sacraments for the 5 confirmations and one catechumen that have finished the program; he is waiting for Father Paul to review his suggestions
- The re-dedication of the unborn monument (usually done in May) has been postponed until the church re opens
- This Sunday (Pentecost Sunday) at 2PM there will be a Family rosary hour – live streamed

5) Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Next meeting is June 24th @ 4:30 p.m.