

St. Ursula Pastoral Council Meeting

October 26, 2020

ATTENDEES

Jeff Breighner	Fr. Jason Worley
Colleen Hamilton	Sr. Joan Kelly
Nancy Webb	Shelley Commodari
Katie Campbell	Tom Flynn
Tom Scheve	Steve Smith
Linda Frazier	Mark Appleby
Tina Reissett	Bill Kreidler
TS Dowd	Michael Colbourne

The zoom meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Vice President Colleen Hamilton who opened with a prayer. Jeff Breighner joined a few minutes late.

Steve Smith made a motion to accept the minutes from the September meeting and Tom Flynn seconded. The minutes were approved as written.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

- Service Committee -- Sr. Joan submitted notes before the meeting.

The collections for Little Sisters of Poor (LSP) and My Sister's Place (MSP) have been steady since church opened back up. The goods for MSP go down every 2 weeks when we deliver the hot meal. Our Daily Bread casseroles are close to our number and the 4 drivers continue to alternate and switch whenever they need to do so. Laura will take down the collected goods for Franciscan Center tomorrow night when she goes down to make sandwiches. Tom Flynn and Sr. Joan took down a huge delivery of food to St. Anne Church at the end of September and they were so grateful.

Tony Vitti indicated that people have not been coming to St. Vincent de Paul. Last month they had 5 people. They are only doing one food delivery per month. Approximately 60 regulars picked up food on Wednesday. Other SVdP have experienced a drop in people coming for food. Four people called the parish office for help with rent and were given other numbers to call. Katie Campbell questioned why SVdP was not providing rent assistance. Jeff will investigate and report at the next meeting.

Sister contacted all the sites they we helped last year through Our Giving Tree. Jenny Huff and helpers are on board to take care of it again this year.

- Facilities – Mark Appleby reported that a new studio-style camera has been installed in the church. The repair in the parking lot still needs to settle before it can be paved. The church bells are broken.

- Finance – Katie shared the financial report. The Finance Committee did not meet this month, so they have not had an opportunity to review the Pastoral Council’s fundraising proposals. Father Jason will ask parishioners to make donations to make up the budget shortfall in the next few weeks. Additionally, the Archdiocese has asked us to do a “Next Step Up” campaign in the spring. Council members discussed ways to distinguish first and second collections.
- PHSA – Tamara submitted the attached notes after the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mass Schedules:

Attendance was poor this weekend and, because of the weather, the Harvest Mass was pushed to Sunday November 1st at 9:00 am. The 7:30 mass on Sunday was permanently moved inside with about the same attendance as the outdoor mass. The 9:00 mass will stay outside as long as the weather holds. Attendance at the 9:00 outdoor mass is typically about 150; however, this week only 87 people attended inside. The 11:00 indoors mass typically has around 100 people but was down this week. The 5:00 mass on Saturday is holding steady at around 100 people.

We need to start thinking about moving all masses inside and developing a plan for overflow should attendance exceed the church capacity. Cleaning/disinfecting both the church and the spiritual center could be overwhelming for the volunteers who have been supporting masses during the pandemic.

Jeff indicated that a sanitizing company has contacted the parish about a cleaning solution. Their product will prevent the virus from adhering to surfaces for up to a year. The company will treat the church free of charge. Council members discussed asking the company for a cost to treat the Spiritual Center. They also asked if the company could disclose the products that they use, which would be shared with the parish. Fr. Jason has scheduled a meeting with the company.

- Bulletin Distribution – The parish bulletin is now being distributed electronically by Thursday.
- By laws Discussion – The Council had proposed a change to Youth Ministry reporting and governance. Rather than having a separate Youth Ministry Chair, all activities and reporting would flow through the Faith Formation Committee and its Chair. This change will require a by laws change. Jeff appointed three council members (Michael Colbourne, Tom Scheve and Tom Flynn) to form a committee to review the by laws and recommend changes. They agreed to serve on the ad hoc committee and report back to the Pastoral Council in November.

Additionally, the council will consider during an upcoming meeting whether by-laws changes are needed regarding committee reporting.

PASTORS REMARKS:

Fr. Jason reported that the parish has been assigned two seminarians from St. Mary’s Roland Park to assist with virtual ministry. We need to start working on the Pastorate. Father will identify a team to start working on it. Father proposed that we have Christmas masses at 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 on Christmas

Eve and 8 and 10 on Christmas day. We discussed using a reservation system for Christmas masses with overflow in the Spiritual Center. Katie will send out a request for volunteers to help at the masses. Tamara will try to get PHSA volunteers and Jeff will also ask the Father's Club. Father Jason closed with a prayer and the meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Investigate how St Vincent de Paul could continue to provide rent assistance even though the office is closed.
2. Michael Colbourne, Tom Scheve and Tom Flynn will review the by laws regarding the placement of Youth Ministry and will report back to the Pastoral Council in November.
3. Nancy Webb will share draft by law changes regarding committee reporting which will be discussed in November.
4. Fr. Jason will meet with the sanitizing company, get a quote for the Spiritual Center and a spec sheet for the product.
5. Katie, Tamara and Jeff will help identify volunteers to assist with Christmas masses.

Submitted by:

Nancy Webb, Secretary December 22, 2020

PHSA Meeting -- October 13. 2020

Opened with prayer

Parish Report

Questions about the sign out front. Principal communicated with the company that we purchased the sign from. Thus far we know what is not wrong with the sign but the question of what is wrong with the sign is an un answered question.

Discussed getting a trademark for the husky logo

The trees in front of the school, by the sign, are going to be trimmed because they pose a danger and block the sign.

Principal reminded everyone that the issue of safety is his number one concern. He views Maryland and the school as doing well overall. He reminds families that travel impacts the safety of the school community. As previously announced the school had three positive tests of two siblings and one other child. The Health Department protocols were followed without spread in the school.

Desk shields were installed in the middle school.

At home students can return to school for the second trimester. If a grade has more students than can be accommodated a rotating schedule will be implemented.

Halloween school day celebration will be a parade outside on the border of campus. Police will help with traffic. Date has been moved from original date to November 2. The event is called Hallowgiving and the students will bring items in for the parish ministry the items will be assigned by grade.

The school had Scranton Testing, which is complete.

There will be a Silent Auction

There will be class baskets and a liquor wheel. Accepting donations.

Yeti Cooler raffle in December.

Planning Dining fundraisers.

Planning to have a more formal newsletter next year

Virtual Book fair through Scholastic 11.9 – 11.22