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Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2020

Present: K. Collins, D. Smith, H. Skinner, N Glisson, C. Brencic, J Pawlak, and N Hippolyte

The meeting began at 7:03PM.

Kristin Collins led the opening prayer.

New Business

Town Hall vs Parish gathering

Fr. Nick proposed a that the schedule for the monthly Town Hall meeting would be the 4th Sunday of the month. He envisions "Jack Parr show" image of how the meeting would proceed. The 1st meeting is October 29. The Big piece at the moment is the Parish Pledge. There should be more than one topic per evening, sort of an electronic magazine for the parish, followed by questions from the parishioners. Sebastian Barboza, a Madeleine grad and senior at Berkeley High will provide technical support, possibly with his dad backing him up. Fr. Nick suggested that the name be changed to Talk of the Parish.

Fr. Nick brought up the parishioner (Monique Duax) suggestion to tutor people on basic use of the internet. Possibly the councilors would get a couple of people together to show people how to do things. E. Onglatco mentioned that she would be interested in helping and S. Leung would be the right caliber. All agreed this was something to explore in some depth. Please contact Fr. Nick, Cat, or Norah with names.

Parish Leadership Conference –

Kristin wondered - Is this going to be a Town Hall Meeting? This meeting should be new and different than what we did this year. We need longer promotion time, it felt very rushed, not enough lead time. The Conference Plenary session for the parish looks at the parish vision. The plan is now formulated from January 2020 conference. What is the recommendation about the conference this year? DS - Since we just came out

with the document we might possibly have a status report. Other ideas include Technology, which has become much more crucial, surfacing leaders, people's emotional health, sacraments, ministry to homeless - feed their souls, as well as their bellies, initiative, educational component, computers for them to use. Possibly a ministry roundtable – this is what is happening in the church. Ask J Burns to facilitate, he is objective, familiar with the parish and has facilitated the conference previously. As we move thru Covid toward 2023 how are we going to provide children's program (faith formation, sacramental prep, confirmation), the Parish mission statement may need to be rewritten, It was observed that the conference brings together a different type of spectrum of parishioners. We should form a committee to put the conference together. We should talk about these elements via email, we can come up with names of people to get involved. We need one sentence about why people should attend the PLC – means of getting the parish together to discuss the parish vision

Virtual Mass – It needs to indicate on the website that the is virtual mass is available anytime after the Mass. A question has been raised to Fr. Nick about having communion available to people after the virtual Mass. Fr. Nick has agreed to make Communion available after Mass.

Old Business

New Council Members – two names have been given – Sharon Ceasar and Alex Saldanha – nomination requests it will be in the bulletin this coming weekend, by the November meeting we will have two new members, ask nominees if they are will to serve

Parish Pledge Response- We will send a post card to the folks who receive the bulletin by mail and we are asking folks to respond I agree to their email.

Phone Tree – many people were called in the last round, primary reason for the phone tree is so that people do not fall through the cracks, people who receive the bulletin by mail, especially people on the fringe. There were many numbers that did not work, voicemails left for many people, a number of people phoned who were glad to receive the call. Catie has agreed to take over the phone tree.

Reports

Facilities

Ceara Brencic

Doors in Norton Hall & Parish Hall are a project that has is no budget presently, door s and hardware on the doors are not in good order. Will need new custom doors with

new hardware. Safety and egress issue. Fr. Nick stated his finance priorities . He has written a bulletin column, to be published in November, to address the budget crisis. Electronics & emergency items may be a problem currently.

If you have agenda items please email Kristin, volunteer for opening prayer – Jim Pawlak, Dennis Smith – Closing prayer, next meeting November 10.

What is Christmas going to look like – Christmas eve 4p & 10P outdoors, Christmas day 8a, 10a m- livestream

Dennis Smith offered the closing prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09PM.