

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 4, 2020

ATTENDANCE:

Ric Aielli, Fr. Earl Fernandes, Kirk Fischesser, Donna Frazee (Recording Secretary), Barb Hekler, Chris Kief, Larry Kiefer, Suzie Kleeman, Michelle Kroeger, Jennifer Marshall, Sarah Mierke, Liz Schurrer, and Larry Sickman.

OPENING PRAYER:

Led by Barb Hekler

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES:

The January 2020 Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes were approved by consensus via email.

MOM'S MINISTRY REPORT AND DISCUSSION:

- 1) **Mom's Ministry Report:** Liz Schurrer from the Mom's Ministry group gave Council a summary of the new group's activities, successes, goals, and needs. The group is in need of VIRTUS-compliant babysitters to allow moms in attendance to focus on the program. The group also wants to reach out and be of service to the wider parish community, but doesn't know how to effectively connect with other groups.
- 2) **Connectivity Discussion:** There are a myriad of different parish groups, but most operate in relative isolation from others (silo modality). The challenge for the parish is to find ways to connect and build relationships among these various silos. Some suggestions:
 - a) Better coordination of parish activities through: an updated directory, electronic calendars that can be linked, an electronic board in the vestibule
 - b) Bring back the St. I's Parish Open House
 - c) Establish a parish VIRTUS-compliant babysitting team for all ministries/events
 - d) Quarterly gatherings that bring together various groups

FINANCE COUNCIL REPORT:

- 1) **Parish Financials as of 12/31/19:**
 - a) **YTD Parish Net Income:** \$159,000
This is much higher than the budgeted YTD net income of \$68,000.
 - i. Donations received in December were way above budget, thanks to Giving Tuesday and year-end donations.
 - ii. Net Festival 2019 proceeds of \$154,000 were \$54,000 better than budget.
 - iii. Total expenses of \$946,000 are \$9000 below budget.
 - b) **YTD School Net Loss:** (\$538,000)
Loss is \$4000 less than expected. The budgeted Net Loss was (\$542,000).
 - i. School Tuition collections are very close to budget.
 - ii. Teacher and Administrative salaries are also very close to budget.

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- 2) **Buildings and Grounds Committee:** The Buildings and Grounds team has been reestablished and includes engineers and architects in addition to maintenance staff. Their first project will be to upgrade the restroom located in the Cry Room to make it larger, unisex, and ADA compliant.
- 3) **School Enrollment:** 2020-21 enrollment is at an all-time high, which has created the immediate need for another kindergarten classroom and more space for the preschool. Existing space renovations are being planned.

WORSHIP COMMISSION REPORT:

- 1) **Divine Mercy Sunday:** The Second Sunday of Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday. The parish will hold a Holy Hour from 3-4 pm, followed by a concert given by Eric Genuis. A free-will offering will be taken to support Eric's prison ministry, Concerts for Hope: <https://www.ericgenuis.com/concertsforhope>. Marketing materials and communications are being worked on.
- 2) **Tabernacle, Kneeler Refurbishing; New Handicapped Access Door:** The tabernacle is back and has been beautifully restored. New kneeler pads will begin to be installed in April. The north entrance handicapped accessible door has been installed.
- 3) **Parish Mission:** The 2020 Parish Mission will take place on 5 Thursdays during Lent and will focus on the Mass. Four professors from Mt. St. Mary's Seminary and Fr. Fernandes will be the speakers. Marketing materials and communications are being worked on.
- 4) **Handicapped Pew Area and Communion Distribution:** Access for 4 wheelchairs is now available in the handicapped seating area. The Communion distributor's position on that side of the church has also been adjusted to allow for greater access through that area.
- 5) **50th Anniversary of the Dedication of Church Building:** On 3/15, at the noon Mass, the parish will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the dedication of our current church building. A reception will follow. We will be recognizing all founding parishioners who are still with us.
- 6) **Christmas Mass Times for 2020:** Midnight Mass will be moved to 10:00pm and held by candlelight. Christmas Day Masses will be at 9:00am and 12:00pm. January 1st Masses will follow the same schedule.
- 7) **Ministry Scheduler PRO:** Ministry leaders have met with Amy Lesko for a training session. The goal is to have minister training sessions and a roll-out by Easter.

FOLLOW-UPS FROM LAST MEETING:

- 1) **By-Laws Update:** Kirk Fischesser is working on the changes identified at the last meeting.
- 2) **Commissions/Organizations Attending Council Meetings:** Council was provided a draft report rotation schedule for commissions and other parish groups. After discussion and revision, the following is proposed:
 - a) **Finance:** All meetings
 - b) **Worship:** Jan, Apr, Jun, Sep, Nov
 - c) **School:** Jan, May, Aug, Nov
 - d) **Athletics:** Apr, Oct
 - e) **Education and Spiritual Growth:** Jun, Nov
 - f) **Youth Ministry:** Aug, Dec
 - g) **Miscellaneous (Mom's, SVdP, Missions, Health):** As needed

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- 3) **Updated Pastoral Council Picture:** Council will assemble at 6:30pm on March 3, immediately before the next Council meeting, to have a quick dinner and take an updated Council photo.
- 4) **EthicsPoint Update:** Michelle Kroeger, Fr. Earl Fernandes and Mike Schaffer will be meeting next week.
- 5) **PC Visit to School Update:** Pastoral Council will be hosting a meet and greet with School faculty on 2/18, during the School of Faith in-service.
- 6) **Megan Mears and Joyful Noise Choir:** Megan Mears and the Joyful Noise Choir will be playing the 8:30 am Sunday Mass on the following dates: 2/23, 3/22, 5/17.

CLERGY COMMENTS:

1) Fr. Fernandes:

- a) **Archdiocesan Parish Planning Process Update:** These are ongoing meetings to discuss future planning issues caused by the shortage of priests. The Archdiocese is planning for a future with significantly fewer diocesan priests: if current projections hold, it is possible that within 3-5 years there will be approximately 100 pastors available for archdiocesan parishes.
- b) **Catholic Ministries Appeal:** The parish has reached 88% of its 2020 goal of \$75,830. Any parish that meets its goal is able to keep 50% of funds collected thereafter. CMA donations go to support the following critical offices/endeavors: Catholic Charities; Catholic Social Services; retired diocesan priests; Mt. St. Mary's Seminary and the Vocations Office; Prison ministry, Campus Ministry, and the Hospital Chaplaincy.
- c) **Trial Communication:** Fr. Geoff Drew's trial is set to begin on 2/24. Pastoral staff are setting up a communications plan for providing the parish with ongoing information.
- d) **Holy Hour 2/23:** A Holy Hour with Exposition, Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, confessions and Benediction will take place on Sunday, 2/23, from 3-7 pm.
- e) **Jubilee Celebrations Update:** Six subcommittees have been established, each with a pastoral staff liaison. Fr. Earl Fernandes asked for a representative from Council to serve on each of the subcommittees. the list is as follows:
 - i. **Outreach and Evangelization** (Chris Kief)
 - ii. **Liturgical Worship and Spirituality** (Ric Aielli)
 - iii. **Social** (Sarah Mierke)
 - iv. **Education** (Michelle Kroeger)
 - v. **Stewardship** (Kirk Fischesser and Larry Sicking)
 - vi. **Communications** (Suzie Kleeman)

CLOSING PRAYER: Led by Larry Sickman

NEXT MEETING: **March 3, 2020 7 PM Fr. Behler Room**
Council members are asked to report at 6:30pm for a group photo