

Pastoral Council Meeting
April 12, 2021

Present: Steve Jesch, Diane Bradac, Sogah Dotsevi, Fr. Joe Marcoux, Mary Crosley, Khandi Sokoni, Tom Dunn, Ben Boynton, Mary Kay LaLonde, Adriana Cardenas
Nick Scanlon, Sue Hyatt, Ben Boynton, and Jonathan Lunine

1. Prayer and Reflection (Jonathan Lunine)

2. Listening to Our Parishioners

No parishioners requested to come talk.

3. Approve March Minutes

Minutes were approved with no corrections.

4. Discuss appropriate thanks to staff & Fr. Roland for in-person Triduum liturgies

Gifts to staff may violate policy. Fr. Joe will provide the staff an Easter bonus. Basket for Fr. Roland from the Ithaca coffee company \$100. Mail the contributions to the office with Mary Kay's name on it.

5. News from Fr. Joe

Fr. Joe's 20th anniversary as a priest this year. Adding chairs to the church as numbers allowed to grow. When Fr. Joe gets back, there will be lots of sacraments to perform. Replacing Ashley: still TBD as to whether position will be shared with Immaculate. June "Renewing Connections" event should be planned for outdoors rather than indoors, if possible. Bishop Matano puts in his resignation in September.

6. Discuss "Renewing Connections" event planned for June (read enclosed materials)

A multiweek event. Discussion led by Diane Bradac. Group: Mary Crosley, Mary Hutchens, Adriana Cardenas, Nick Scanlon. Host forums for parishioners to re-connect and engage in active dialogues, debrief from the pandemic, explore active and empathetic listening and begin to rebuild our community. Proposed topics:

First session: Welcome back, before, during and after COVID reflections

Second session: Moving beyond the pandemic—transitions—healing and moving forward

Third session: St. Catherine's as a community. Renewing our Faith and Relationships. Call to action.

When: Tuesdays: June 8,15,22 or Thursdays 10,17, 24 or Sundays 13,20,27. Outdoors on the grounds, via Zoom, or maybe Mahler Hall. Registration required by June.

Discussion of the Zoom option. Fr. Joe: We are not welcoming people back yet. Pandemic isn't behind us. Event should be restyled as a touchstone...a touching base with each other.

Acknowledge people where they are. Let them come back gradually.

Khandi: Thanks to the group for formulating this idea.

Discussion of expenses. Easier to rent a tent than clean Mahler Hall.

Event is a go. Signup sheet to go around.

Facilitation: Each facilitator stays with their group designated by the day of week.

Numbers: Guess is 50 people.

Youth sessions—maybe 3 Sundays is too much for them. They are the one group that is not vaccinated, though. And they have been meeting anyway regularly by Zoom.

Action: Back to the subcommittee to work out the details.

7. Discuss PC membership & leadership for next year

Current membership: At end of three years: Boynton, Hyatt, Jesch (2nd term, must rotate off). Please send nominations for chair by next meeting.

8. Next month – meeting with Finance Council to strategize ways to meet CMA obligation

Agenda to be determined by Ben Davis, Steve Jesch and Fr. Joe. We can offer some suggestions as to how to do this. Some parishes raise much more than we do.

Mary Crosley how are the new business managers going to work?

9. Bulletin Thanks

- Sherry and the entire ensemble of choir members and musicians for the Easter Triduum
- Ann Marie for pulling everything together
- Volunteers for decorating the church
- Volunteers who staff the sign-in booth, ushers, lectors, lay ministers, Holy Week kits.
- Jane and Jeff Doyle for running and composing the Stations of the Cross meditations
- Thanks to Jane Bonasser coordinating all the registrations
- Clean-up crew for cleaning after each Mass
- Thanks to Fr. Roland for being the celebrant over these past many weeks.
- Ashley Blank, Grace Demerath and Pamela Meyerhofer for organizing and instructing the confirmation class.
- Thanks to all the instructors who served as faith mentors to the class.

10. Closing Prayer (Jonathan)

The meeting adjourned at 8:40. Next meeting May 10.