

Assumption Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – 5/17/2021

In attendance – Lynn S, Father Jerry, Secretary-Karen G., Paul S., Sister Cheryl, Tom E., Maryann W, Bobby D.

Absent: Andy N., Lisa, D.

NEXT MEETING IS **August 16**, 2021, 7 PM

1. Opening Prayer/Special Intentions (Fr. Jerry)
2. Approval of April Minutes: approved
3. Pastor's Report:
 - a. Upcoming observances and dates for liturgical events and other parish information.
 - i. As we return to more normal practices for the gatherings for worship, etc., we are asked to follow what guidelines we receive from the Health Departments with also guidance from the Worship Office. Have already increased the capacity for church attendance, allowing for some areas to reflect the norms for social distancing. With the beginnings of allowance for those who have received the vaccinations to gather outside and inside without wearing face masks yet recognizing businesses and places of gathering can determine the best practices, waiting for, if any, updated guidance from the Archdiocese. Will continue to keep hand sanitizer at entrances.
 - ii. Archbishop Schnurr with the other bishops of Ohio issued their letter reinstating the obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day of obligation Masses beginning June 5/6 weekend. Will probably use that date to begin to reinstate some of our practices and uses of buildings such as visitations for funerals, meeting in Providence Room, etc.
 - iii. With the celebrations of the Ascension of the Lord on May 16 and the Solemnity of Pentecost on May 23 the Easter Season will conclude. Ordinary Time will begin then with the Sunday Feasts of Holy Trinity and Corpus Christ, and then the succession of the Sundays of Ordinary Time through the summer months.
 - iv. CMA 2021 results as of May 6, 2021: from the 493 households there have been 135 returns toward the goal of \$16,855.00, with pledges of \$27,097.00 and received funds at 23,311.00. This represents 161% of the designated goal with 27% participation from listed households for the CMA mailings. Any overage toward this goal will have 50% designated for our parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference.
 - v. With the Summer Split the Pot underway, my thanks to those involved with the undertaking of this fundraiser, those on parish council and especially Paul Stewart and Tom Effler. With the drawing date of July 11, 2021 we look for another successful effort for the parish.
 - b. Archdiocese of Cincinnati
 - i. The virtual Priest Convocation took place on April 21, 2021 with the presentation on Racism and followed by an update on the current

pastoral planning, Beacons of Light. They have invited us to have discussion on the parameters to establish common expectations as the process moves forward....what each Family of Parishes will do or not do, as the pastoral plans are created and implemented.

- ii. They have updated us on the progression of planning with first the summary of data (current reality) compiled by PartnersEdge being shared first with the Archbishop and directors of various Archdiocesan offices, and then with pastors and parochial vicars having assignments in the Archdiocese as well as welcoming other priests (June 4).

- 1. Other dates: July 26 – Initial Draft of Families to Archbishop, Deans and Presbyteral Council, in September – Draft review with Priests., in November Final Draft of Families presented with the intention of the Archbishop to present this before Thanksgiving.

- iii. Bicentennial Marian Pilgrimage has begun, on May 16, continuing through - June 19. The principal celebration of the Bicentennial will take place on June 19 with a Mass, followed by the Archbishops re-consecration of the Archdiocese to Jesus through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

c. Our Lady of Grace Catholic

- i. I presided at the school Mass on April 27 and will be present on May 18. With the clarification that the graduation and last mass for the school community in on May 25 at 9:30 a.m.
- ii. With the commitment to continue work on the lease beyond school year 2021-22, it was expected that we would receive some assistance from the Archdiocese in these discussions. When Mrs. Kirk contacted the Catholic School Office, it was reported back to us that the Susan Gibbon's Team met and decided it was best for the pastors to work on this. As a result, Mr. Desmier met with St. Ann's pastor and business/facility managers to clarify the updated proposed lease's non-negotiable terms, with the next step for the covenant parish business managers with the school's business manager to review all the documents and information to try to reach recommendations for a lease. This is still in progress.

4. Ministry Reports (all)

a. Sister Cheryl E.

- i. Seniors: no new info
- ii. Coffee and donuts: no new info
- iii. St Vincent de Paul Society and Mt. Healthy Alliance: Sister provided the Mt Healthy Alliance monthly report to council.
- iv. Music Ministry: no new info

b. Tom E.: Communications –

- i. No face to face meeting this month. Engagement with details related to the Summer Split the Pot was the primary activity.

c. Lynn S –

- i. Prayer Group: no new info
- ii. Prayer Line: no new info
- iii. Our Lady of Grace:
 - 1. May 25 7pm Graduation at St. Ann Church
 - 2. May 25 Last Day of School

- iv. Men's Group: The Men's Group continues to meet on a regular basis. Next meeting is May 22.
- d. Andy N –
 - i. Ushers: I guess with the Archdiocese reinstatement the obligation to attend mass in June, our counts should pick back up.
 - ii. Troop 27: Making final preparations for Summer Trip in June to Lake Erie area. Then planning for Mt. Healthy Haunted Hall has resumed for October.
 - iii. K of C: Charity Raffle ticket drawing will be next weekend on Saturday May 22. Then Council Elections will be in June with Ron Roetting becoming Grand Knight (President) of the council. Also, Andy Schehr is working with Father on getting a date in June for both parishes for doing the Measure Up (People with Developmental Disabilities) collection after weekend masses.
- e. Bobby D. –
 - i. Young Adults Group: no update.
 - ii. Evangelization Team: There are no updates at this time.
 - iii. Santa Breakfast: There are no updates at this time.
 - iv. Others: There are no updates on Chili Fest, Kroger rewards, mega split the pot, or the 5200 club.
- f. Lisa D. –
 - i. Liturgical ministries: No update.
 - ii. Worship Committee: Nothing new to report. Waiting for breaking changes.
- g. Maryann W.
 - i. Bereavement: Ann stated with restrictions starting to lift she will be able to start training Sr Cheryl. Thank you, Sister, for joining that ministry!
 - ii. Respect Life: Several of the group members were at the grand opening of Elizabeth New Life Center. Beautiful facility! We are hoping to do a baby bottle fundraiser leading up to our October baby shower.
- h. Paul S. - Finance Committee
 - i. Finance Committee Discussions
 - ii. May 9, 2021 meeting
 - iii. Financials
 - 1. April financials reviewed – in good shape – a question on lay compensation – in review
 - 2. PPP Loan forgiveness paperwork submitted - Dec 2020 - no update
 - iv. Fund Raising
 - 1. Discussed Summer Mega split the pot
 - 2. Ticket & letter received, stuffed & returned to Express Graphics
 - 3. Note – Express Graphics delivered to the Post Office on 5/12
 - 4. Father will announce at Masses the weekend of 5/15 & 16
 - 5. Plan to have bulletin flyer the weekend of 5/15 & 16
 - 6. Online fund to giving to start 5/17
 - v. New Discussion
 - vi. Rectory Roof
 - 1. Insurance to pay for ½ of total cost ~ \$11,000
 - 2. Finance Committee in favor of replacement

3. Recommendation will be sent to Parish Council for formal approval
- vii. OLG
 1. 1 year lease in place for 2021-2022 school term
 2. Business managers to meet to discuss new lease (2022-2023 & beyond)
 3. Enrollment count is not yet available
- viii. Budget
 - ix. To be discussed at next meeting
 - x. Next Meeting
 - xi. June 14, 2021 6PM
5. Summer Mega Split the Pot
 - a. Tickets have been mailed out and should be in parishioners' homes. Julie in the parish office has already received some returns. Posters will be placed at church entrances for weekend masses which will show receipts as of the prior Thursday.
6. Welcome back celebration
 - a. Suggestion of individuals/PC members welcoming people to mass. Another suggestion, focus on Thanksgiving since many were able to attend throughout the pandemic.
7. Parish Picnic
 - a. This is scheduled 9/19/2021. In 2019, attendance was 65 people. Since May is the last meeting before Council's summer break, Lynn S suggested that by the May meeting, we need to have leaders named in 7 areas.
 - i. Advertising – Tom E to create a poster.
 - ii. Drinks/ice – Paul S.
 - iii. Kids Games – Lynn S.
 - iv. Adult games – Lynn to ask Linda H.
 - v. Food – Lisa D
 - vi. Paper products – Maryann W.
 - vii. Set up/clean up – Maryann W, Sister Cheryl, Lynn S.,
 - viii. Backup plan – hold in the parish center.
8. Bicentennial Day of Service – Sr Cheryl Erb
 - a. Sister provided a factsheet. This was developed by the men and women religious of the archdiocese. Many of the religious communities came to Cincinnati to serve immigrant communities.
 - b. Sister contacted the new Mt Healthy women's center. They are interested in donations of "layettes". These are given to mothers who have a confirmed pregnancy test. Sister suggests this as the parish activity.
 - c. Maryann W. will talk to the Campaign for Life group and consider how to coordinate the baby bottle campaign and this layette effort.
 - d. Tom E. to work on the promotion flyer.
9. Our Lady of Grace School
 - a. See the update in Father Jerry's pastor's report.
10. Discernment Process
 - a. Council Nominations shared by Andy N. via email: No names came into me from the Bulletin announcements/flyer. So we are still looking for one person to come on parish council. If anyone knows of a good candidate, feel free to give me their contact information and I will call them. Maybe with more faces

showing up at Mass someone might be interested in joining council when we resume in fall.

b. Andy stated in email that he would be willing to be Chair if needed. No one stepped forward to be Vice Chair.

c. At this time, we are entering the new season short of one member.

11. Beacons of Light: a multiyear process of pastoral planning for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati

a. Council watched a brief video provided by the Archdiocese.

b. The meeting concluded with the presentation of the Guiding Principals and the Vision Points provided by the Beacons of Light planning, with discussion and input on the "parameters" that would be essential for all Families of Parishes to observe. These will be submitted by Fr. Jerry to the planning process by May 26.

12. Possible future agenda items

a. Kona Ice Truck: for 2021?

13. Action Items

a. Keep an eye on the website for accuracy.

14. Next meeting – August 16

15. Closing Prayer