

Minutes of the Joint Pastoral Council Meeting  
Thursday, October 8, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.  
St. Anthony Parish Center

Members Present: Mary DeFoe (SN), Greg Montgomery (SN), Mary Freitag (SN), Bill Madison (SA), Carol Wozniak (SA), Andrea Olson (SH) and Brandon Junkans (SH).

Members Absent: Craig Hohlfeld (SA), and Anita Tomczik (SH).

- I. Meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Mary DeFoe.
- II. Opening Prayer: Deacon Steve Linton led the council in prayer.
- III. The Council reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting of July 2, 2020. A motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Mary Freitag and seconded by Bill Madison. Motion was called and approved unanimously.
- IV. St. Anthony Abbot Financial Report: Deacon Steve advised the balance sheet as of October 8, 2020 shows \$36,873.10 in the general checking account, with a total of all assets to date totaling \$1,411, 239.48.

Deacon Steve advised the EIDL Grant of \$9,000.00 and the PPP Loan of \$51,780.00 continue to be reflected as liabilities until they are forgiven. Deacon Steve advised we are waiting for the Chancery to direct us on final application instructions and submission. There is no reason to believe that the loan will not be forgiven in full once application is made.

- V. Growing Our Faith Initiative Update: Mary DeFoe reported that due to COVID-19 meetings have not been conducted all summer. There is a meeting scheduled for this month to discuss the Red Kettle project service activity.

The welcoming sub-committee is continuing to meet, and an update will be provided at the next Grow Our Faith committee meeting.

Mary expressed concern that after three years of working to develop committees it is disappointing that more progress has not been made. COVID-19 has certainly impacted the ability of the committee to work toward its goal. After discussion it was agreed that all efforts are necessary and much needed and hopefully, we can get back on track after this has passed.

- VI. Latin Sisters Grant Update: Deacon Steve advised he had nothing new to report.
- VII. Health Ministry Update: Mary Freitag reported that many planned events have had to be cancelled due to COVID-19. The Health Ministry committee has agreed to take a pause until they are able to meet safely again. Mary advised that a link to the Aging and Disability Resources website has been added to our website to assist people in locating needed resources. Information was also included in the bulletin.

VIII. Old Business:

- a. St. Anthony Building Project: Deacon Steve reported on the new building project following Bishop Powers on-site visit with the diocesan building committee. Deacon Steve advised the committee that while the Bishop liked the conceptual design presented, it was the consensus of his committee that the cost of the project was outside the margins of what we could conceivably raise for the project. The Bishop and his committee made recommendations to consider helping reduce the cost of the project and directed us to rework our design with the architect. It was also strongly recommended we hire a firm to conduct a feasibility study to assess our ability to raise additional funding and to also hire a firm, or use the same firm, to conduct a capital campaign to raise those funds. It was also suggested that we obtain an estimate for the demolition of the existing church building and include that cost in our total of funds required for the building project.

IX. New Business/Information:

- a. Deacon Steve advised the committee that beginning the weekend of October 31 – November 1, the 6pm Saturday masses at St. Anthony are being moved across the street to the St. Anthony Parish Center. The purpose of the move is to provide a more accessible place to worship for those who find access to the church building difficult.
- b. Deacon Steve advised that Faith Formation classes are underway with many families electing to participate in “in person” classes. Some have chosen to do distance learning at home. Elaine and Angela have worked hard to provide opportunities for everyone and to create a safe environment for learning given the current conditions. Classes are being staggered to reduce the number of students in the building at one time.
- c. Deacon Steve advised planning for Christmas masses are underway, but the challenge is going to be trying to keep masses from being over-crowded given the current restrictions. Information will be made available on the website and in the bulletin as soon as possible.

- X. A motion to adjourn was made by Angela Olson and seconded by Brandon Junkans. Motion was called and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Next meeting date: Thursday – November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Location: St. Anthony Parish Center

*Dcn. Steve Linton*  
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