

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
March 18, 2021 – (ZOOM MEETING)
PRINCE OF PEACE – 7PM

- I. Opening prayer (Faith Formation)
- II. Roll Call: Fr. Ken, Fr. Stack, Deacon Jeff, Brenda Bertram, Annette Lyons, Dave Schnier, Ed Kross, LuAnn Farrell, Theresa Williams, Cindy Holliday, Tom Streveler, Dean Stone, Marla Schultz, Odelia Schrunk, Nancy Mathena, Anna Current, Anna Lorenzen
Absent: Sister Kathy Holland, Nancy Peart, Carmen Soesbe, Gloria Marcos
- III. Approval of Minutes from January Meeting –approved
- IV. Approval of Agenda – approved
- V. Commission Reports
 - A. Evangelization Commission – Written report submitted. (Theresa Williams)
 - The Christ Life Retreat will be held May 21st & 22nd.
 - There are only 15 books left of “I Heard God Laugh”
 - A bulletin insert will be provided to promote Emmaus.
 - Father Ken asked the committee to do fasting and prayer on Wednesdays during Lent to pray for people to return to Mass. This was started two weeks ago, they say their Evangelization Prayer and only eat bread, butter, and water. They would like to invite others to join them in this fasting,
 - A Mass will take place at 6pm at St Joes in Dewitt – The Solemnity of St, Joseph. The Bishop will be there and they will be honoring health care workers.
 - A series of parts of the Mass will also be put on the website
 - B. Faith Formation Commission – (Marla Schultz)
 - Discussion at the meeting was about opening and reenergizing our Parish. What will that look like when people return back to the Eucharist?
 - The Faith Formation Commission would like everyone to put the Christ Life Retreat on their calendar for May 21st & 22nd and plan to attend.
 - C. Family Life Commission – (Odelia Schrunk)
 - They have not had a meeting due to everyone not having Zoom capabilities. When everyone is able to get their Covid shots, they will return to meeting.
 - D. Justice & Peace Commission – Written report submitted. (Tom Streveler)
 - The Commission confirmed its mission to pursue an information campaign about the Social Justice Teachings of the Catholic Church. The title of the campaign will be “We Hold These Truths” There will be bulletin notes included on two quotes from encyclical.
 - E. Parish Life Commission – Written report submitted. (Dean Stone)
 - The Knights of Columbus have opened their fish fry dinners again this year. The drive through option has worked out well, serving over 400 people each Friday.
 - The Commission will be centering their activities around St. Joseph.
 - They would like parishioners to pay greater attention to Holy Thursday, Friday and Saturday and the rituals that exist.

F. Stewardship Commission – Written report submitted. (Nancy Mathena)

- They have found that doing the catalog on line was not as much of a savings as expected. The net cost savings was \$1204.
- The Commission is interested in having a stewardship fair. They would like to have some type of interaction with the parishioners after each mass. (chili cook off?) This would take place at the end of October. Any suggestions from the Commissions on how this could be set up would be appreciated.

G. Worship & Prayer Commission – Written report submitted. (Cindy Holliday)

- They are coming into their busy season with Easter approaching and also opening the 8:00am and 10:30am Masses again. The Commission is looking for people to fill all of the positions needed.
- The Commission is preparing for the Easter Liturgies with all of the restrictions and changes that are needed.
- Two people will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. Father Ken would like everyone to come, support and welcome these people. This is the most important Liturgy of the year.

VI. Other Reports

A. Latino Ministry Representative – (Brenda Bertram)

- They are averaging 50 to 60 people at the Spanish Mass on a given weekend. Father Dennis Hatungimana from Davenport has been officiating these Masses. Reconciliation will be offered this Sunday, afternoon, March 21st from 3 until 4pm in Spanish. They are very pleased to have this opportunity before Easter.

B. Principal of Prince of Peace School – (Father Ken)

- The school board is in the process of looking for a new principal, Nancy is retiring in July.
- The Faith Life Committee of School Board asked Prince of Peace to do a Communal Penance for the students. All 2nd grade through 12th grade students were included.
- The Irish Auction will be a virtual event on Saturday, March 27th.

C. Diocesan Pastoral Council Representative – (LuAnn Farrell)

- There will be a meeting this Saturday, March 20th.

D. Sisters of St. Francis Representative – (Father Ken)

- The Sisters have received their Covid vaccinations and are slowly coming back from their lockdown time.
- The Carmelite Sisters have moved into the Canticle, and getting along well.

E. Director of Faith Formation – (Brenda Bertram)

- There will be 15 people confirmed this year. Confirmation will be June 6th at the 10:30am Mass. The Right of Admission to Candidacy will be held the weekend of April 10th & 11th.
- Eleven 2nd grade students who have already received their 1st reconciliation will receive their 1st Eucharist the weekend of May 1st & 2nd.
- Totus Tuus will not be offered this year. Brenda and Luann Hosette are trying to put together a short program at the school during the week this would have taken place.
- Brenda visited students in grades 8th - 12th and provided them with information about programs that will/will not be offered this summer. This information was sent home to the family's email for our High School parish youth. Reservations will be needed as soon as possible because numbers are limited. NCYC will be offered virtually this year, it will cost \$75.00 per person.

- Please mark your calendar to join them at the Christ Life Retreat – “Discovering Christ” May 21st & 22nd.

F. Youth Representative – (Anna Current)

- The first in person High School Religious Education class for Confirmation will be held Wednesday, March 25th in the parish hall.
This session will be from the Dynamic Catholic and will be “Over The Eucharist “ and last months topic was “Over Relationships” and it is going well!

G. Parish Business Administrator – (Dave Schnier)

- Building and grounds will be starting back up in the month of April.
- A blessing of a \$7000 donation was received to put towards the church hall.
- Letters are sent out every week to those donors that are making large payments to let them know how much it is appreciated.
- A big “Thank You “to Dave and Ed for all of the snow removal this past winter and also for directing traffic at the fish fry dinners.

H. Deacon – (Jeff)

Deacon Jeff will be attending a retreat the weekend of April 24th given by Father Marty on spirituality.

- Fifty to sixty people have been attending Stations of the Cross on Friday nights.
- Deacon Jeff has been asked to be on a K-8 curriculum upgrade for religious education for our school. This is to set standards and goals to be mastered by our students.
- Confirmation classes on Zoom are going very well. The students have been doing a phenomenal job. Anna and Veronica are there to help facilitate and are doing great.
- Catholic Relief Services is trying to establish a chapter here in the Diocese of Davenport.
- A drive through food pantry was held in February. This is done on a quarterly basis. The next distribution should be May 15th.

I. Director of Outreach Ministry – (Annette Lyons)

- The commission is working on taking communion to the homebound and assisted living people. Personnel at Sarah Harding & Park Vista had requested Ash Wednesday services. Gerilyn had Ash Wednesday service at Bickford and Andrea distributed communion and ashes on Ash Wednesday at Eagle Point. They are only allowed to have weekly communion services at Sarah Harding & Park Vista at this time.
- Father Stack will be celebrating Mass at Sara Harding on Mar. 30th & Park Vista on Mar. 31st.

J. Finance Council – (Ed Kross)

- Zoom meetings were held in Feb. and March.
- In comparing the period from July 1st to Feb 28th a year ago to the current period, we are down about \$30,000 in envelope income. This is remarkable considering we were basically closed for 6 months of that time. The offertory was also down during this period. However, expenses were down during this time as well, except for snow removal. We are down about \$56,000 from our budget.
- Mega Fish Marketing is still on hold but is something that will be revisited.
- Please encourage people to join and/or return to our Masses.
- There is still a balance of approximately \$319,000 on the church hall.

VII. Continuing Business –(Dave)

A. Mega-Fish Marketing

- Nothing new to report on the Parish Initiative since Covid.

VIII. New Business

A. Post Covid - returning to Mass (Father Ken)

- Numbers are beginning to increase at Mass. The 8:00am Mass will be added back starting Palm Sunday.
- On Easter there will be two Masses for the 8:00am and 10:30am times to accommodate all that will attend. Please come and join us!
- Father Stack has been awarded the “Chaplain of the Year” from the Knights of Columbus in the State of Iowa. Congratulations!!
- There will be a newsletter going out on Monday, March 22nd.
- If someone were to ask you about coming back to church, what would you say?
Put Mass back on your schedule, it's a great way to start your week!!

IX. Adjournment – Dean Stone

X. Closing Prayer – Peace Prayer (Father Ken)

The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be Thursday, May 20th, at 7:00pm.
The Family Life Commission Representative will lead the prayer.