

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

October 15, 7-8:30pm

Attendance: Present—Fr. Peter Gori, Dcn. Lou Piazza, Dcn. Mike Curren, Sr. Madonna Kling, Danette Morris, Erik Eldracher, Rich Padova, John Markiewicz, Maura Reardon, Ken DeBenedictis, Paula Dennett, Marta Stiglin

Minutes:

1. Danette Morris, Communications Associate, reported and elaborated on the following topics

- Summary of the technology in the parish center and the church and how it has progressed since its beginnings, its upgrades and updates
- Overview of security systems in the church and parish center
- Explanation of the streaming package to be installed mid November
- Change from Constant Contact to Mailerlite
- Newly acquired Zoom account for parish use. Religious Ed now uses St. Augustine school account to free time and space as we use it more
- Vimeo account may be replaced by new streaming package
- Integral to all of this is security and legal vigilance

The new streaming setup will be of good, creative and practical use for regularly scheduled Masses, other prayer events, e.g. Holy Hour, Stations of the Cross, Teen Masses and "Prayer Nights". as well as other events, e.g. Coffee Hour, concerts...both Religious Ed and Music Ministries have shown great enthusiasm and creativity in this area.

Marta recommended we eventually have a technology plan for acquisitions as we move forward. It was also suggested that a group of persons knowledgeable about technology be developed to advise and assist Danette in the formulating a 3-5yr. Plan. Eric voiced thanks to Danette for all her work. Ken asked if we also have a parish plan for moving forward. Fr. Peter explained that since our collaborative is planned to become active in 2023, formulating a plan now that does not incorporate St. Robert might not be advisable. Such plans are very much a part of the Archdiocesan, *Disciples in Mission Project* which will implemented as we begin our collaborative.

2. All the charts and links provided with the agenda are for the PPC to have a broad view of how the parish has adapted to the "new normal". Kudos to Mark Daley for his plan and quick and efficient response to the gas emergency on the second day of school. Kudos as well to Bridget Rao, Joanne Heim and Cheryl Germino for all the careful preparations and planning for the reopening/re-entry of Religious Ed children in these very challenging times of COVID. Confirmation Services were prayerful and beautiful, First Holy Communions sailed through the weekend Masses for weeks to everyone's delight, and both in person and remote learning arrangements have been arranged.

3. Fr. Peter reported that we are back to our normal Mass schedule, except for St. Joseph(which does not allow for social distancing) Attendance is approximately 300/weekend, in keeping with other churches of similar size. (approximately 1/3 of normal weekend attendance)

Covid cases—one, in parish early on and one, in school early on—all protocols went into action and no further cases have been reported or any spreading from those original cases.

4. No small groups are permitted in the Parish Center. Religious Ed has begun and we are allowing them to become adjusted and situated before we admit other small parish groups—no outside groups are permitted and AA has been suspended because the members were not compliant.

5. As a parish council, the archdiocese recommends a vice chair to plan the agenda with the pastor and a secretary to take notes and summarize the meeting. Fr. Peter encouraged those interested to email him

6. Re: Christmas: We will not have services in the Collins Center. The Archdiocese has permitted a 3pm Mass on Christmas eve. The schedule has not been determined yet. Fr. Peter suggested, 3, 5, 7, and 9pm with regular Sunday morning Masses.

Re: Thanksgiving Mass 9am at St. Augustine Church

The meeting concluded with a blessing from Fr. Peter