

Pastoral Council



St. John
THE Baptist
CATHOLIC PARISH

November 12, 2020 | 6:30 – 8:00 | Narthex

Attendees: Becky Bond, Fr Jim, Don Vande Yacht, Michelle Malone, Mary Hanson, Cheryl Yursis, Dan Tooley, Dale Garfield, Mary Reynebeau, Diana Ball, Gary Lockstein

Absentees: Michelle Nowak

Meeting Minutes

Topic	Presenter	Time allotted
Opening Prayer	Dan T	6:30-6:35
Discussion of Joint meeting minutes	All	6:35-6:45

The Annual Meeting was held on 11/8/20. Presenters included Michelle Dahlke (Finances), Dan Tooley (Mission Plan), Andrew Mulloy (School), Sarah Wulf (one by One Campaign) and Diana Ball (Prayer Builders). At this year's meeting the Treasurer-Trustee position was voted on. Jeff Taylor (incumbent) was running unopposed and was elected 39-0. Overall the meeting went well. There have been over 400 views of the meeting.

What is the experience in the rest of the diocese from a financial perspective? Fr shared there are many parishes that are doing well. People love their parishes and stepped up in stewardship. The government loan helped along with the cost controls parishes put in place. However, there are some parishes that are struggling. Mary R's perception is most parishes are doing well but giving is down. Big concern right now is converting the loan to a grant which takes paperwork. The impact may still be coming due to people being ill, not being onsite at masses, as well as people being out of work; contributions could be an issue. Online giving has increased. There are concerns with Christmas approaching as that is the time when parishes receive their largest collection.

Christmas Mass: If we are still in the same situation with the limited capacity, what are the plans to accommodate people at Christmas? In the past, the 4:00 time on Christmas Eve was the most popular. This year instead of a 4:00 pm Christmas Eve mass, a 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm mass will be offered to help spread out the number of attendees at each mass. Attendees will be asked to RSVP so that the numbers can be controlled. The Bishop doesn't want to turn people away, but we have capacity limits. The 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve mass will be dropped and there will be a mass offered at 9:00 pm instead. There will also be a mass offered on Christmas Day. None of these masses will be live streamed. A prerecorded mass with all the music (no attendees) will

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also be offered. We don't anticipate having the crowds we have had in the past but there will be space in the narthex for overflow.

Updates and/or reviews

Fr. Jim

6:45-7:30

- 1) One by One/Capital Campaign – The Campaign Cabinet (they are focused on marketing, education and communication) met last night. Kelly Williams led them through an exercise: What will compel people to give to each specific project? Each person wrote down 5 ideas. The ideas were grouped based on commonality and will be put into a flow (a vision of the project, current state, what will make this possible, overall scope of the project, overall cost, reveal the vision, compel people to say how they want to be a part of it, etc). A template for each project will be completed. All the words used for the ideas will be put into a word cloud that will be a visual for people to see. Less used words would be smaller and most used words would be larger. It's an attempt to build out content for each project in a consistent way. Kelly asked who/how was each person asked that motivated them to give and participate? If anyone has experience with being approached to give and had a unique experience, please share as that may help others.

Value Engineers (they will be looking at each project and developing the scope for each one) – 12/1/20 is the next scheduled meeting.

Ministry Center - Looking at getting together on 12/2/20 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Attendees: Dan Roarty, Lisa Christensen, Dan Tooley, Mary Reynebeau, Michelle Malone, Gary Lockstein.

Other groups that were formed (some were combined from the original formation):

Commons/New Parish Office Plan/Playground/Parking Lot

School Offices/Classrooms/Current Parish Office

Ministry center

Prayer Group

Main goal between now and March is to communicate with our parish and to help build momentum before the campaign formally begins.

- 2) Discipleship Survey: People were not comfortable sharing their faith. To support this effort there will be a 3-panel event held on 12/9/20. The panel will consist of Katie W, Fr. Scott and the third person is to be announced. The event will be live streamed. It will last about 2 hrs. The questions will be similar to the "ask me anything" event held earlier. The book, Pillar of Fire, Pillar of Truth will be distributed. Becky has a book titled "Know Your Faith" if anyone is interested in borrowing it.

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Appreciate event recap Diana 7:30-7:35

The event was held on 9/26/20 and 9/27/20. Students at SJB made posters and most of the items were donated. Diana put together packets to hand out that had coloring books, information about Knights of Columbus along with other items.

PBPG Campaign prayer Diana 7:35-7:45

Prayer Builder Prayer Group – This group came about because Fr. Jim wanted everything to be in the presence of prayer as we start our campaign. As a collection of staff and parishioners, the group is looking to come up with ways to have this process be about the Holy Spirit and prayer. The purpose of this group is to pray. The holy hr on November 19 will be hosted by SJB Prayer Builders. In this weekend's bulletin they will share information about the Surrender Novena prayer.

Before holy hr the group will get together to pray. They are also working on coming up with other ideas. A suggest was to pray while other groups focused on the campaign are meeting. This could be done at home but during the time they meet. Diana will take this back to the group.

Liaison updates All 7:45-7:55

Reminder to post meeting minutes to the drive but if there is something important, Dan would like you to bring it up during our meeting.

Stewardship – This year the time, talent, and treasure will be combined and held in November. The format did change, and most will now be online and all on one form. The pamphlet was also rebranded. It was in last week's bulletin announcement. This coming week emails will be sent unless SJB doesn't have your email, then it will be mailed.

Faith Formation – Since Gary is currently part of this group he will be the representative versus Diana.

Health & Wellness – Diana will be the representative for this group.

Finance Counsel – Financials all look good. Sarah is working on the paperwork needed to request the PPP (Payroll Protection Program) be switched to a grant versus a loan. Phase 2 of audio visual is proceeding. Phase 1 was video and phase 2 is audio. Donations are still being accepted for phase 2 of the audio-visual project. Budget was changed slightly because we won't be able to complete the heating project in this fiscal year. The goal is to complete the heating project next summer. It will take 12 weeks to complete.

Social Concerns – The trees are up in the Narthex. Due to Covid they will not be accepting gifts this year. Instead they are providing gift cards to the families versus gifts. There are envelopes on the tree and people can donate gift cards or money. The group has temporarily discontinued providing meals at the shelters.

Closing Prayer Dan 7:55 – 8:00

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To Do's

Forward the list of groups and who is on what group – Becky Bond