

**Blessed Sacrament Pastoral Council Meeting
January 11, 2022**

Attendance:

Members:

Mary Klee Geralyn Saya
Sharon Colabufo Dan Horan
Peter Moles Jerry Ball(advisor)
Jill Kuehner
Skip Hilleboe

Staff:

Father Severine
Deacon Mike Colabufo
Donna Hurn

The meeting opened with a prayer given by Deacon Mike Colabufo. Peter Moles made a motion to accept the minutes from our last meeting and Mary Klee seconded it.

Follow up Information on Live Streaming Plans

Father Severine said that a meeting was held with Chris Shepardson, Bernie Corbishley, Bobbie Decker and himself to review the various options explored by Chris. It was decided to purchase a camera to be mounted by the side door and master program. The automatic streaming would be set up for 5:15 Mass. Father said that it would be up and running before Lent.

Welcoming and Engaging Parishioners Subcommittee Update

The committee members which include Jill Kuehner, Donna Hurn, Geralyn Saya, Matt Klinger and Mary Klee met a few times and have established the following:

- ~**Children's Liturgy return during 9:15 Mass following CDC guidelines of Masking and social distancing.**
- ~ **Coffee and donut hour after the 9:15 Mass on the 1st ,2nd and 4th Sunday**
(paused right now to uptick of Covid cases)
- ~**Possibility of bringing back the Nursery for the youngest children for the 9:15 Mass. Setup would be in a spot in the cafeteria and manned by Confirmation students and certified staff member.(On hold due to Covid.)**

Change in By-laws concerning minutes

Currently the Constitution states that the minutes of the Pastoral Council meetings must be approved by members of the Council at the following meeting before they can be

posted on the designated bulletin board. This means that the minutes are often two months old before they are approved now that meetings are held every two months. After some discussion it was decided that before a change is made in the by-laws we would try a new option on a trial basis. The recorder will send a draft copy of the minutes to the Chairperson, Co-chairperson and Pastor within a week after the meeting to be reviewed. If no changes are suggested the recorder will send a copy via email to the council members for their approval. They are to read them and send a response of “**I approve**” no later than 3 days after receiving them. If a majority of members approve, the recorder will post a copy on the bulletin board and send a copy to Jack-Lynn Corcoran for posting on the Parish website. This procedure will be used for a few meetings to see if this is a preferable way of keeping our parishioners informed in a more timely manner.

Lenten Fish Fry

Jerry Ball stated that no meeting has been scheduled as of yet. Some members inquired about the division of the profits. Last year St.Vincent kept 55% and Blessed Sacrament received 45% of the profits. Jerry mentioned that even though it is housed at Blessed Sacrament, St.Vincent people do all the ordering, banking and advertising. Peter Moles mentioned that the finance committee is looking into leasing a new dishwasher since the current one is no longer operable.

Lenten ideas for Prayer and fellowship

Father Severine mentioned some of the Lenten activities discussed at a staff meeting which include:

Confessions on Wednesdays from 5:00-6:00

Holy Hour with Benediction on Thursdays 6:00-7:00

Stations of the Cross on Fridays 6:00-7:00

Father gave the task of doing a Lenten series of some sort to Deacon Mike. Deacon Mike spoke about the emphasis that the Vatican and Diocese are putting on The Eucharist. Deacon Mike and Sharon are exploring some videos and materials on the Eucharist that might be engaging and will report more at the next meeting. Mary Klee also mentioned the possibility of a book club based on the Best Lent Ever program by Matthew Kelly.

Sharing from Members

*Jerry Ball shared that the Blood drive held December 28th was a huge success. All appointments were filled.

* Jerry Ball asked Father if the altar servers could have a kneeler to use. Kneeling on the cushion is difficult and sometimes causes the altar server's foot to get caught in the alb. Father said this could be done.

*Sharon Colabufo stated that pastoral council members should know what is going on in our parish but this is not the case. In the past the Pastoral staff were expected to attend the meetings and give a report. This has not happened in a long time. The only time we heard from a staff member is if the Chairperson makes a specific request. No one wants to attend a lot of meetings but the pastoral council only meets 5 times a year, about every two months. Perhaps each staff member could sign up to attend one meeting in person and then submit a written report or update for the other meetings. The pastoral council is the link between the parish staff and our parishioners. How can we be effective communicators if we don't know what is happening?

Other members voiced their concerns about the lack of communication within the school community as well.

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 7:00 in the Andrea Polcaro room. Be sure to wear a mask.**

Father Severine gave the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Colabufo, recorder