

Pastoral Council MeetingSeptember 15,2020

Attendees:

Kathy Greene, Chairperson

Ben Gutierrez

Elaine Brehm, Secretary

Rudy Gomez

Joanne Boyko

Jennifer Langley

Henry Glowiak

Consuela Gonzalez, Office Manager

Fr. Michael Imperial

Opening Prayer by Father Michael

Minutes of July 14, 2020 Approved by Joanne Boyko, Seconded: Jennifer Langley

Minutes of August 7,2020 Approved by Joanne Boyko, Seconded: Henry Glowiak

Hispanic Ministries Report: Rudy Gomez

Rudy reported there was not much activity due to Covid 19 restrictions. Charismatic committee will wait to resume activities until further date. The Hispanic musicians are asking that the sound system be enclosed in a case in back of the church. Father Mike asked to have one person designated to turn system on and off to protect equipment.

CPR Classes: Kathy Greene

Kathy has name of nurse who can give CPR classes (Hannah Annis). Ms. Annis would charge \$50 per person . Kathy will inquire of Rural Health to see if they offer classes. Henry Glowiak suggested seeing if Red Cross gives the classes.

Parish Pastoral Council By-Laws:

Father Michael requests PPC review and compare *Constitution of the Pastoral Council" to "Diocesan Guidelines for Parish Pastoral Council" and discuss the ideas at next Parish Council Meeting.

Other Items of Importance:

Father Mike reported collections are running 60 % less than projected needs due to the Covid 19 restrictions. If this trend continues it will raise a red flag crisis in operating funds. It may be a hindrance also not passing the collection basket. Perhaps having an usher hold the basket in a prominent place after mass would get better results. There has to be a way developed to reach parishioners about the need to be actively engaged. Ben Gutierrez suggested creative ways to encourage participation be instituted as soon as possible and continue during the coming months. Ben suggested a letter be sent to parishioners explaining the financial need. Father Mike said he will be calling ten people daily to discuss the situation. Father Mike said parishioners who feel they cannot attend weekend masses due to health issues during the Coronavirus pandemic can attend weekday masses which are not as crowded in lieu of attending Sunday mass. Also he would be giving Communion to parishioners at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesdays. The Rosary will be said outdoors the second and last Sunday of October before the start of mass.

Jennifer Langley raised the question whether the church will be giving Thanksgiving Baskets to the needy this year. Since there are many restrictions due to the pandemic Kathy Greene suggested giving Food Lion Gift Cards might be a safer alternative. This idea was popular with the council members.

Father Mike welcomed Consuela Gonzalez back as Office Manager. She will work part time Sat., Sun., Mon. and Tues. Emelia Vasquez Gutierrez will be the Parish Secretary who will also work part time on the weekdays when office is open.

St. Peter's CCD program will be central between St. Charles parish and St. Andrews, Chincoteague.

Kathy Greene inquired whether the problems had been solved in the Rectory. The moisture problem has been addressed with new drainage piping being installed but several other problems need to be solved. Father Mike stated that Lou Hinds has been doing maintenance on the church for a long time but would like to slow down. Father said a team which will be called the "Team of St. Joseph the Worker" is to be created. It will include parishioners who can volunteer their skills such as electricians, carpenters, painters, plumbers, groundskeepers, etc. A discussion ensued how to best assemble such a team.

Elaine Brehm brought up the fact that several parishioners had complained that the black box for the streaming of masses obstructed the view of the altar for those sitting on the left side of the church. It was decided it could be located on a pew to alleviate that problem. Also the telephone message for the church needs to be updated to identify Father Michael as the current pastor. Several people have reported they left messages to reserve a place at weekend

masses but when they checked in their names were not on the list. Hopefully, this will be remedied by the fact that the office will be staffed now by Emilia and Consuela.

Joanne asked if the plexiglass screen used when communion is given could be moved closer to the altar so those receiving could see the altar and crucifix.

Father Mike closed the meeting with a prayer.

Next Pastoral Council Meeting :.....October 13, at 7:15 p.m.

Minutes verified by  Kathy Greene, Chairperson