

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 2, 2020 6:30 PM

(Virtual Zoom meeting)

Attendees: Annie Guerts, Beth Power, Brian Wallace, Charlie Voissem, Cindy Boyer, Elsa Johnson, Father Bill, Katie Biese Oleinic, Kelly Wilda, Kim Mettleman, Nancy Lindo-Drusch, Ron Schreiber, Ted Suess, Tracey Van Stippen, Tricia Miller

Absent: Adelyn Carney, Angie Van Brocklin

Opening Prayer

Council membership: The new members who attended introduced themselves: Annie Guerts, Kim Mettleman, and Beth Power (alternate). Thanks were given for the fantastic efforts and contributions of the outgoing members: Cindy Boyer, Ron Schreiber, and Kelly Wilda.

Roles for the 2020-2021 Council were discussed:

- No Council Chairperson has been identified yet; over the summer, all returning members should consider prayerfully as to whether he / she can fill this role. There is an option to have co-chairs (Father Bill could be one of them). Cindy will continued to be involved as necessary in order to create a transition.
- Katie will continue in the Secretary role.
- Committee liaison roles from outgoing members will have to be filled: IPRF and stewardship committees

A status update on the **Vision Casting** document was provided. The ultimate goal of this document is that all parishoners know what St. Marys stands for and operates from the same values. It should spur members to be involved and root our parish identify as a family. The document is nearly complete after a final review by subcommittee. The single page mission/vision statement that the subcommittee create is now being turned into a user friendly booklet, of which Jessica Michaels has developed a prototype. We are still looking for a “pithy and poetic” tagline.

The plan for **returning to in-person Mass** was discussed:

- Return should occur weekend of June 13th and 14th. Initially Masses would just be on 4:30pm Saturday and 9:45am Sunday, with plans to add other Masses incrementally.
- Everyone should note that the Dispensation is still in place until Fall (there is no obligation to attend Mass), and elders are strongly encouraged to remain home.
- Staff are working hard to ensure a safe return for everyone. Sign up genius will be used for Mass attendance, in order to limit capacity and have a roster of who attends for contact tracing purposes. Other precautions will include mandatory masks, no servers or Eucharistic ministers; no worship aids / hymnals, shorter Masses and no climate control. Full details to follow.

- Livestreaming will continue for now, and is being considered being maintained in the long-term.
- A Sunday 630pm Mass will be added as a long-term solution to providing a better Sunday experience and engaging more families and youth.
- Confession will resume (socially-distanced style) on June 13th on the usual Saturday at 900, also Tuesday evenings at 615, to make more accessible.

The current **racial and social issues**, and how St Mary can be part of the solution, were discussed. We want to stand for justice and inclusion, and we all recognize we need to be better listeners. Some initial actions to help identify what we could / should be doing including working with the City of Appleton's diversity coordinator, engaging Bailey Boyle to work on this issue, and a small group discussion with Father Bill on the book "Waking up White". Annie also suggested reading the book "How to be an Anti-racist." **Homework:** come to september meeting with some ideas as to how we as a catholic community can make a difference.

Council **agenda for the fall:**

- Send to Cindy any issues / ideas that the council should address, so they can be put on the agenda in the interim.
- How does St Marys become part of the solution for social equity, empathy and action?
- Following in the wake of last year's Rebuilt discussions and efforts to improve the weekend experience, a focus for next year will be on improving the faith formation programming. St. Marys wants to approach and think about this differently and incorporate faith formation into the Sunday experience. Considerations are being made for a feasibility study to dissolve faith formation partnership with St. Joe's, starting in Fall 2021.

Other updates:

- Staff update: Mary Anne Otto is now a full time staff member working on stewardship and missionary discipleship.
- Congratulations to father bill for 37 years of priesthood!

Upcoming dates:

June 13-14: Open Mass beings

Sept 1: Pastoral Leadership Council Meeting 6:30 pm

Motion to approve: Ron Schreiber

Second: Tracey Van Stippen