

## PASTORAL LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 5, 2020 6:30 PM

(Virtual Zoom meeting)

Attendees: Katie Biese Oleinic, Cindy Boyer, Elsa Johnson, Beth Power, Ted Suess, Angie Van Brocklin

Absent: Father Bill, Adelyn Carney, Annie Guerts, Nancy Lindo-Drusch, Kim Mettelmann, Tricia Miller, Charlie Voissem, Tracey Van Stippen, Brian Wallace

PLC chair: After much prayer and discussion, Beth Power has accepted the role of chairperson. Beth shared a bit about her faith journey and her thoughts toward the role.

Check-in: How well is St. Mary's doing in terms of keeping people connected?

- Father Bill will be reaching out to individual parishoners to make connection
- Agreed that we are all appreciating the daily emails and other communications
- Recognizing that not everyone is going to be comfortable coming in to parish and that's ok
- Virtual Mass is good, but it's not the same as being in person - many people are still feeling disconnected, no matter what we do in terms of virtual outreach
- Suggestion to bring back option of just having Holy Communion after Mass

Staffing updates were provided:

- Deacon Gerry retired from staff
- Nadine Duncan moved into role Minister of Pastoral Care
- Emily Jenks, a new staff member, moved into Nadine's role
- There is an open posting for Minister of Young Discipleship. This person will put together religious ed program for 2020-2021 program (including considering covid19 implications). In the meantime Emily and MaryAnne Otto are working on this. Anyone who knows a good candidate for this position should please pass on the information.

Other updates:

- The separation from St. Joes for religious formation happened earlier than planned; as of this fall, St. Mary's will have it's own program. Programming will begin in October. Key considerations are how to make it not a burden for parents, who are already stressed going into the school year, given the covid situation. This will be a learning year.
- An update was provided on the vision / mission document, which will hopefully be finalized in October. The messaging and wording has been carefully discussed and refined over the last year. The resulting short, visual, impactful document will be something to be shared with new members, and applied in regular Mass and communications.
- Question was raised regarding an update for what St. Mary's is doing regarding current racial (in)equality / social justice issues. It was agreed we need action and efforts in this

area would align with mission/vision. Should check with Nadine for specific updates for the next meeting.

**Upcoming dates:**

Sept 1: Pastoral Leadership Council Meeting 6:30 pm

Motion to approve: Angie Van Brocklin

Second: Beth Power