

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 6:30 PM  
(Virtual Zoom meeting)

Attendees: Katie Biese Oleinic, Father Bill, Annie Guerts, Elsa Johnson, Nancy Lindo-Drusch, Kim Mettelmann, Tricia Miller, Beth Power, Ted Suess, Angie Van Brocklin, Tracey Van Stippen, Charlie Voissem, Brian Wallace

Absent: Adelyn Carney

### **Opening Prayer**

**Welcome again to our newest members:** Beth Power, Kim Mettelmann, Annie Geurts, and Angie Van Brocklin. Thank you to Beth for taking on the role of Chairperson. All council members introduced themselves.

**Coming back to Mass** - everyone should come back only when they feel safe and comfortable and the time is right for them. Last weekend had about 200 people (less than 25% capacity). In order to be cautious, will add another Mass at 7:45 am on Sundays (allowing time to sanitize in between). We are working on trying to improve the quality of the livestream, including the multiple camera angles.

### **Review of our Mission/Vision Statement.**

- The focus of the document is on leading with the heart of Jesus. There is still some fine-tuning happening on this document to finalize the wording (e.g. taking the focus away from us and our actions, and letting the Holy Spirit work).
- This document will be turned into a brochure with images - an 'identity' document for the parish.
- Ideas are solicited for how to get it brought to life throughout the membership, for example, a homily series that focuses on each of the five components. ***PLC members to think about or listen for other ideas for the roll-out.***

### **Review of our Beacon Ministries Program.**

- The search is still ongoing for a minister to lead this program, but there are a couple candidates. We are considering bringing in an interim person to lead this in the meantime.
- The program will run it in a part time setting during the pandemic.
- This will be a different experience than Catholic education (not just for public school students), and will be focused on creating experiences and relationships.
- Some initial plans including bringing in a (Christian) counselor for middle and high school students during the fall, to talk about coping with the pandemic.
- Volunteers are need to lead small groups, check people in, manage safety guidelines.

- ***PLC members should encourage others to sign up their students, as well as volunteer for various roles.***

#### **Update on Parish Finances.**

- Parishioner giving was down 52,000 last fiscal year, but we made it through the last year, in part due to the PPP and a distribution from the parish trust fund.
- The first two months of the new fiscal year are on target, based on a revised (downward) budget. Expenses are down, but the transition from IPRF to Beacon Ministries may have an impact. Most staff are back at original employment levels.
- Depending on how the pandemic continues, we may have to dive into the spirituality of stewardship and more actively encourage giving.

#### **Other action items:**

- Continue to pray for St. Francis Xavier Catholic School System, to stay healthy and safe while back to school
- Continue to consider what the parish can do to help us be connected until we all are safe to come back to Church
- Consider how Advent might be re-envisioned given the pandemic

#### **Upcoming dates:**

Oct 6: Pastoral Leadership Council Meeting 6:30 pm

Motion to approve: Nancy Lindo-Drusch

Second: Brian Wallace