

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 10, 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

Individual check-ins: members each shared how we are coping during this stressful time, including noting where prayer is needed and offering encouragement to each other.

Opening Prayer

Stewardship Appeal:

- **Finance update:** October status - shortcoming in sacrificial giving, primarily from funds that would normally come from envelope donations. While we having substantial savings and the situation is not dire, it is a good time to renew efforts at stewardship. Spending has also been greatly reduced.
- **Stewardship appeal:** As we continue through this pandemic, we will have to work harder to remind family members of the importance of stewardship as a way of life. Several components have been put together with Mary Anne Otto, focusing on a theme of partnership with God. There will be an upcoming mailing with a letter from Father, and information on how to give and tithing. This year we won't ask people to commit to a pledge amount, just that they have considered and committed to partnering. Video was also created to encourage people to give - what does partnership mean, and how does giving help your partnership with God. The video will be shown at Mass and then on the website after that.
- As PLC members, we should have small, informal conversations where possible to encourage people to give, e.g. using Faith Direct.

Advent and Christmas: An update was provided on the plans for Advent and Christmas. The staff is working tirelessly to provide a variety of socially distanced opportunities to celebrate and connect during the season. PLC members are requested to support the neighborhood gift bags; let Beth know if you are interested.

Staying connected with our parish family: Brainstorming and discussion was held around how we can stay connected, and what the senior leadership and PLC can do to facilitate engagement. Some ideas include:

- Phone tree to check on all families, see how they are doing and what they might need. PLC can help with the calling.

- Virtual happy hour / coffee and donuts after Mass; could do Zoom and mingle people in breakout groups
- Hard mailing / flyer about the upcoming events (60 HHs that don't have internet access); word of mouth and reminders to members and non members about the goings on
- Monthly town halls or office hours for staff to hear ideas and concerns (leadership wants to hear ideas but there isn't a good mechanism for parishoners to share them)
- Family zoom events with themes for different groups; e.g. crafts for kids (prayer bracelet kits to share; paint CDs as christmas decorations), book clubs
- Private Facebook group for informal conversations / sharing (e.g. ugly sweater contest, share favorite holiday recipes, etc.)
- Watch party for Mass on Zoom - we all have a need to actually see each other sometimes

Other updates:

- Mission/Vision Statement - Rollout plans are still in progress for this; share if you have ideas. There is a plan to include info on the PLC members; a small survey and more info are forthcoming.

Upcoming Events:

- **January 5** - Pastoral Leadership Council Meeting (no meeting in December)

Motion to approve: Tracey Van Stippen

Second: Angie Van Brocklin