

St. Joseph Parish Pastoral & Mission Council
Meeting Minutes 2/25/21

In attendance: Vince H, Terry M, Glen B, Andy P, Cassie C, Leo L, Denis M, Mimi K, Kaitlyn O, Alex V, Sheri A, Mark P

- Review and Approval of Minutes - **APPROVED**
- Reports:
 - **Pastor & Council Chair**
 - **Open Meeting** (Bylaws Sect. IV, 3)
 - Executive Committee will plan format & date, Council will approve
 - Suggestion to do pre-screening of questions (will be included in invitation)
 - **April 29th Tentative Date**
 - Ten-day notice to parish – Zoom
 - **Companion Document**
 - Andy P, Denise M, Alex V will draft a “best practices” document for how Council members are to interact with parishioners
 - **Pastoral Planning**
 - **Strategic plan** expired 2016. Need new plan. Would be difficult to start planning over Zoom. Timeline: steering committee and catalog of resources by Fall.
 - **Celebrating Our Return**
 - Outdoor Masses, summer music – how do we structure this summer as more get vaccinated and return to church?
 - **Deferred Maintenance**
 - Vestibule remodel, outdoor and church lighting, wayfinding, patio safety, outside of parish center, boiler (boiler paid for by Called to Serve as Christ campaign).
 - Plaza resurface can be done in-house. Probably has to wait till summer.
 - **St. Vincent de Paul – Joe Schumm, St. Joseph Conference Chair** (Update and Review of Issues including Q&A)
 - Overview of what SVdP does – not simply giving away money, but also directing people to resources. Conversations, cash assistance, vouchers, food, utilities
 - During COVID, operations have changed drastically. Phone calls instead of home visits. Online donations instead of collections at Mass.
 - Doing fairly well in terms of donations. But giving out money very quickly, and easing restrictions on assistance. End of the rent moratorium coming up at end of March.

- **Committee Reports**

- **Constitution**

- Article III, Section 6 revision. Additional language for filing vacancies (see below for revised language) - **APPROVED**
 - Rollout of the Constitution and Bylaws to the Parish
 - Presented to Staff & Finance Council at meetings.
 - To be presented to Commissions via email.
 - To be presented to parish-at-large with coordinated messaging across all parish channels, and document posted on website.
 - Q&A with Commission chairs
 - Original document to be signed at parish center

- **Outreach**

- Public invitation to join Parish Life Commission running soon
 - Lent Adult Faith Formation – Stations of the Cross, Faith Sharing

- **Liaison Reports**

- **School**

- Middle school students are there 1x per week. K-6th grades back.

- **Liturgy & Worship**

- Lent decorations, Ash Wednesday, Confessions every Sat @ 11am

- **Formation** – Review of Chapter 6 “The Catholic Elephant Can Dance – The Entrepreneurial Church” in *Everyone Leads*.

Addendum:

Bylaws Article III, Section 6 **Vacancies in Council Membership**

Vacancies in council membership shall be filled no later than at the next regular or special meeting and shall be chosen by the Pastor from the most recent list provided by the Council or directly appointed at the sole discretion of the Pastor, as appropriate. *The term of service for such appointments shall expire on the last day of the following August and shall not count toward the four-year limit on consecutive service described in Section IV, subsection 1 of the Bylaws.* (New language is in italics)