

St. Vincent de Paul Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes- November 8, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Pastoral Council Chair Jackie Loomis. Deacon Todd Lovas led the opening prayer. Roll call was completed and those present at the meeting were: Kaylie Willoughby, Tim Sieracki, Tom Moomey, Craig Shanteau, Don Moeggenberg, Cindy Gall, Nancy Scovill, Liz Bacon, Jackie Loomis, Deacon Todd Lovas and Roger Jacobs. The September 14th meeting minutes were reviewed and approved following a motion from Tim Sieracki and Tom Moomey.

Old Business:

Our current faith formation program "A Disciples Walk with God" began in October and we currently have approximately 45 participants. Those attending the Tuesday night program share a meal, videos and small and large group discussions and overall it has been well received. The digital sign project is nearing completion as it was installed this week on the corner of Chippewa Street and Wright Avenue. A digital media volunteer is being sought to manage the messages that will be posted on the sign. Members also discussed replacing the sign that is on the west side of the church building.

Deacon Todd continues to review data collected through the Disciple Maker Index. He has met with staff from the Development Office at the Diocese of Saginaw to discuss the Christ Mission Appeal and potential for a capital campaign. Tim informed the council of the ushers' volunteer list being recreated so we can resume ushers taking up the collection during mass. Members shared ideas on the grotto statues that need to be replaced. Deacon Todd will be in contact with Diocesan staff Father Pat O'Connor who can assist with our liturgical art and environment needs.

New Business:

Our 2021 Christ's Mission Appeal donation goal is \$53,308. Deacon Todd will continue to share updates in the bulletin and at mass as we continue to work toward our goal. Kaylie spoke about the need to host an altar server training as we have few children/teens currently participating in this role at mass. Deacon Todd emphasized that both children and adults can serve this role; date of the training to be determined. Deacon Todd shared that two minute teachings at mass will start in January. On December 2nd, Shepherd will be hosting the Holly Jolly Christmas Parade at 5:45pm. We discussed our parish hosting a community baked potato dinner that evening with donations of food and volunteers being sought.

Nominations were taken from the Council on roles of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary as Jackie Loomis and Kaylie Willoughby decided that they would like to change roles. A motion was made by Tim Sieracki and Craig Shanteau that Jackie Loomis will serve as Secretary, Nancy Scovill will serve as Vice Chair, and Kaylie Willoughby will serve as Chair. Motion was approved. Deacon Todd shared updates on the COVID-19 protocols and information that he continues to receive from the Diocese. Roger Jacobs and Tim Sieracki provided updates from the Knights of Columbus, including their success with the spaghetti dinner for vocations on October 23rd. Deacon Todd shared data from the 2019, 2020 and 2021 October counts. This year we had a total of 889 attendees at our October masses with additional people participating in mass online. Members spoke about the importance of welcoming back parishioners who have chosen not to attend mass in person or who have fallen away from the church in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. An idea presented is having a Baptism celebration for all those baptized in our parish in the last year. We scheduled our next meetings for January 11th and March 8th. We concluded with prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kaylie Willoughby Vice Chair