# Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

Opening Prayer: Fr. Chuck Wible

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions this meeting is being held virtually over Zoom.

Members Present: Steve Browning (via phone), Al Duke, Mic Griben, Terri Horrigan, Keith Huffer, Deacon Jerry Jennings (via phone), Deacon John Martin, Gloria Murray, Stephanie Rubeling, Fr. Chuck Wible

Members Absent: Alma Huffer, Anita Gill

Election of Officers: Nominated were Steve Browning for President, Keith Huffer for Vice President, and Alan Duke for Secretary. They were elected unanimously.

Minutes Approval: Motion was made to approve the May and June 2020 minutes by Mic and seconded by Stephanie. The motion passed unanimously.

Reading of Communications: None

Pastor’s Report:

* We are continuing to navigate the COVID-19 restrictions. The Governor has approved going into Stage 3 at 5 PM on Friday of this week. The diocese said it would send out an update for future use but to continue the current restrictions until then.
* Father said a thank you to those who stay after Mass and clean the church.
* Father Brendon left this morning to go to Sacred Heart.
* We will be getting a new seminarian for the year from Mount St. Mary’s. Deacon Michael Ammer is from the Diocese of Terre Haute in Indiana. He will start next weekend.
* Religious Education is going along very well.
* The Chrism Mass will be held on Monday, September 14. Only priests, deacons, and a few others, by invitation, will be in attendance.

Committee Reports:

* Bicentennial 2023 - NTR
* Education – Terri
	+ Elementary education registration has bee extended. The classes will be family oriented this year. On a monthly basis the families will get together in person for classroom work and parent meetings.
	+ Middle school starts on October 4 with a parents meeting on September 24.
	+ Anchor, High School also start on October 4 in small groups. The parents meeting will be October 1.
	+ With respect to adult formation, there is one RCIA candidate who will be coming into the Church on December first. The fall bible study will start via Zoom on September 16. Baptism preparation is online via Zoom. Marriage pre-Cana is being held either on Zoom or in person depending on the wishes of the participants.
* Evangelization – Steve said that Deacon Jerry noted that the committee was going to meet this week but had no agenda items.
* Finance – Mic said that at its last meeting the committee approved the FY21 budget. The next meeting is September 15, via Zoom.
* Health and Safety –NTR
* Hospitality – Father Chuck noted that the committee is on hold because we haven’t been able to do anything.
* Liturgy – Deacon John noted that the committee met last night and went over the liturgies for the year. There was some discussion on the Christmas liturgies but there is no direction as yet on what will be allowed. Confirmation is on Friday, September 18. The committee’s next meeting is Monday, November 9.
* Maintenance –NTR. There is not very much going on at this time.
* Planning – Will try to get a meeting in during October.
* Social Concerns – Deacon Jerry notes that the committee is scheduled to meet on September 16.
* Vocations – Stephanie’s report was excellent. The next meeting is to be determined. It will deal with getting ready for care packages.

Old Business:

* Father Chuck talked about finances. We are doing well as a parish being only about 10% below our normal contributions. Some parishes are down by 30%. There has been a nice uptick in EFT contributions and some people are mailing them in, so considering the potential we are doing well. The parish received a small business loan which helped immensely with the budget for last year, which is supposed to be forgiven.
* Father Chuck said he may do a stewardship talk this year. He might introduce the program “Take the Next Step” now that the mortgage is paid.
* Deacon John talked about the youth “REAL” program (Repairing and Evangelizing Around Libertytown). Instead of going to Appalachia there had been some discussion of doing needed work locally and that this was the right year to do that. The youth worked hard for a full week replacing one roof and repairing others and repairing decks. The July Catholic Review had an article on this.
* The annual picnic is postponed until restrictions will permit some sort of get together.

New Business:

* Planning Day is projected for mid to late October. It will be in person in Sullivan Hall. Steve will call in. The members need to go to their committees to get their submissions regarding how they attempted to mee last year’s goals and what they will project for the coming year. There will be no regular meeting in October.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Mic and seconded by Steve and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM

Closing prayer: Fr. Chuck Wible

Submitted by A. Duke, Secretary

Approved @ December 1, 2020 Pastoral Council Meeting.