

St. Luke Pastoral Council
Minutes – October 20, 2020
Parish Hall

In Attendance: Gordon Brooks, Gloria Downham, Tom Feick, Mark Garza, Patrick Jendraszak, Kevin McCusker, Judy Palmer, Pat Wachtel, Msgr. Joseph Schaedel, Patrick Bryant, Dave Orlando, Dean Weseli

Absent: Dave Fink, Yo Grego, Michele Marxer, Frank Short

Opening Prayer – Judy Palmer led the group in prayer.

Judy Palmer welcomed the council back and new member Gloria Downham.

Judy presented the meeting minutes from the September 2020. The minutes were approved with no exception.

Opening Comments– Judy Palmer

Judy appointed the election committee. Frank Short, Gordon Brooks, Dave Fink and Nick Beckman are the committee members and will start working on it immediately and present as early as the January meeting. There will need to be changes in the bylaws and constitution, asking for input from the council.

Finance Update – Dean Weseli

See Attached.

2 months in a row we have exceeded budget and on track for Sunday collections. The Preschool is growing. The School is behind budget, a 10-student shortage. Overall a positive trajectory.

Looking into the financial side of starting phase 2 of Capital Campaign. Talking to donors to get concrete data for exact numbers on campaign commitments. Potentially start phase 2 in march 2021. School has encouraging news; school capture ratio is 83% up from mid 70s historically. 8 out of 10 kids for school.

Semi-Annual School Commission Report – Kevin McCusker

The school is 100K behind budget due to enrolment shortfall. NWEA test score came back, they are in line with county. No COVID cases as of yet. School received A rating.

Commission Updates

Faith Formation and Catechesis Commission – Pat Wachtel

Faith formation has not met in months since COVID-19 Pandemic. The Parish is losing Lourdes Jay due to a relocation in Oklahoma which is a loss to St. Luke and the commission. Looking for new members for bible study group. Sister Diane still working hard on first communions and RCIA. RCIA is going now, 8 adults and a RCIC for 9 children. Sunday morning religious ed is up 50 to 60 kids. Sister Diane rewrote handbooks for kids receiving sacraments in 2021. Pat sent copies for us to review. They are also on the website. Sister continues to recover and persevere.

Christian social action – Patrick Jenraszak

Still looking for a liaison. Thanksgiving sharing is still on but will need to be contactless delivery. Receivers will need to be called so they can come outside to get the basket. Mark may help in assembling Thanksgiving meal kits if needed. Christmas store is still going but is going to be electronic gift giving or outside. People can drop things off outside to avoid congregation in the narthex. The goal is to keep all people safe. Monsignor added that for Pro-life, Karen Dickenson and Carol Feick are new co-chairs. Initial meeting next Tuesday for co-chairs.

Parish life – Patrick Bryant

No update. There is an opening for a liaison for spiritual life.

Tom Feick – Evangelization

Tom had a good conversation with Ashley Dirks. She is doing a lot to connect with ministries to see if there is any activity during COVID. They will work together to be on the same page and to not duplicate efforts. Tom feels this is a good partnership. Reaching out to all ministries to work on their purpose statement and patron saints. Reached out to Sister Diane that we are reaching out to 5 groups. Chris Boland and Nick Beckman suggested to reach out to TMIY to start. Others are MAMAS, SKAMMERS, PRO LIFE, Thanksgiving Sharing, MOYC and KOC. Ashley agreed that most of these are active ministries. Feedback by next month for update on purpose statements and patron saints. Tom asked for the Council to choose a Patron saint. Email suggestion to Judy.

IT/Communications Update & Discussion - Patrick Jendraszak and Mark Garza

No Update

Business Manager's Report – Patrick Jendraszak

Capital Campaign project – Some unexpected things are happening. Planning vs renovation, going to the city, citizens energy, et cetera, they look at the plans but end up telling you what you have to do regardless of plans. The cost of the additional capacity in the preschool garage and other additions are going into phase 1 and should be in phase 2. Grassy depression for rain water retention needs to have work done, improper sizing for water absorption. The permit process is taking longer than anticipated. Working with Archer and Stenz on completion goals. We need to be in classrooms by July 15, meeting rooms can wait. Onsite superintendent is adding additional cost. Phase 1 numbers going up but phase 2 below budget since phase 1 absorbed costs. Working on guaranteed pricing and timelines. Meeting with teachers that will be displaced from old classrooms into new classrooms to show them the rooms to make sure we meet the needs. In order to do phase 2 at the preschool it has to be done in July to accept kids in August. They have to start construction on March 1. Need approval for that phase, depending on money in hand and loan for phase 1. If we can't meet March 1 date have to move it to March next year due to safety of kids.

Pastor's Overview/Closing Comments – Msgr. Joseph Schaedel

Main focus is getting people back to Mass. Absolution from Archbishop Thompson is telling people that its okay not to go to Mass. We need to stay focused on evangelization. Speaking with liturgy committee for Christmas Mass on how will we accommodate the attendance. The meeting last week with Archbishop Thompson was helpful if he changes the rule to have early Saturday mass, this is TBD. Still no word on when we will have a new Associate Pastor. Possibly sending a letter to new members to see if they can participate in the Capital Campaign. New pledges. Considering new and creative ways to increase fundraising since we are behind in fundraising income. Considering a parish raffle. Finance committee and stewardship committee to discuss. School is going well; the new principal is good. The school is an inviolable instrument for evangelization. 9 new people in RCIA are all from one family and came in through the school. Good source for evangelization.

Closing Prayer – Monsignor

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Garza