

## Parish Council Meeting

January 20, 2021 | 6 pm

Life Center

**Council Members Present:** Deacon Michael Kopczewski, Andy Johns, Melissa Zuk, David Frea, Kevin Radwanski, Monsignor, Father Watson, Bev Killian, Chris Killian,  
Present via Zoom: Mary Jean Girard, Karen Cook, Theresa Bayes, Eric Brooks, Mark Sigrist,

**Council members missing:** Mark Tucci, Mike Ford Sr., Tate Taylor, Julie Freeman,

**Guests Present:** John Matera (Zoom), Amy Woloshan (Zoom)

### Meeting Minutes:

- Opening prayer
- Pastor Announcements
  - 1 month from now we will be in Lent. Staff is preparing.
  - February is our busy season, when the life of the parish heats up.
    - Confirmation, Holy Week, etc.
    - Rules for fasting & abstinence will be in bulletin
    - Stations of the Cross **will** happen
  - We are slowly & cautiously reopening the campus, with precautions
    - Everyone must wear masks
    - Keeping attendance records for contact tracking and data purposes.
    - Have we done an assessment of our technology capacities?
      - Bandwidth-wise we're fine.
      - We only have one Owl Camera (currently)
      - We do have a new battery-operated speaker that we just purchased, available for use by ministries.
      - We have expanded outdoor wifi as well. More outdoor access points.
    - Would it be worthwhile to make a wishlist for our budget next year?
      - We plan to do more outdoors.
    - We have reached out to ministry leaders several times and offered help.
    - Men's ministry is willing to share their knowledge and experience!
  - We are opening up more ministry roles again
    - Youth altar servers, Lectors, more EMHCs, etc.
    - Trying to get help with scheduling, since Judy left. May be a volunteer position.
- Mount Carmel Operation Gratitude-David Frea
  - In >½ hour, first clap in/out will happen
  - The Foundation is excited about the partnership! They are looking forward to the lifting up of their staff.
  - How else can we include people? Facebook live?
    - Can we stream clap in/out to the hospital rooms?

- Virtual Holy Hour?
  - Chaplains and hospital priests also need our support! They are worn.
    - ACTION NEEDED.
  - Julie Freeman was the first one out of all the principals to sign up!
  - Sign Up Genius maybe needs info about where to gather. Info was emailed out today.
  - If we find that our parish is engaged in this “going out” to meet people and show our appreciation, there are others we can engage with! Grocery workers, first responders, etc.
    - SVdP also has a pulse on some demographics that need help.
    - Lots of people want to help, they just aren’t sure how to go about it. Suggested that we should compile a list and send it out.
  - Lots of thanks from David!
- Diocese Update
  - Ash Wednesday: we are asked to sprinkle ashes on people’s heads instead of doing a sign of cross on forehead to lessen physical contact.
  - We have to keep maintaining what we have been doing: Hand sanitizer, masks, etc.
  - Likely not able to go to full capacity for Mass or anything soon.
  - We WILL have Masses on Ash Wednesday, we CAN distribute ashes, etc.
  - Confirmation
    - March 1, the Bishop IS coming.
    - Attendance cap. (Confirmandi, sponsor, & 2 guests)
    - Will be live streamed
  - First Communion
    - 4 Saturday dedicated Masses, alternate school & church. This is to limit people
    - Will live stream

#### Other Discussion

- We are working on Standard Operating Procedures for both normal times and COVID times for all parish activities. This will also really help the new pastor
- Adding back another Mass?
  - We aren’t really at capacity yet with the Masses we currently offer. We are tracking numbers and trends
  - May be worth publicizing the fact that 8:30 is the most attended. “We have open seats at the 11:30!”
- Streaming other Masses?
  - We will look at it!
  - Maybe stream other Masses even if it’s static.
- We will have Stations of the Cross
  - Also be live streamed as often as possible
    - We really need more help live streaming
- Also planning for:

- Feast Day
  - Festival
- Music at Sunday masses
  - Bev Killian shared feedback from a recent conversation with a 30ish year old parishioner who was unhappy with the music at mass, specifically the chanting and lack of variability.
  - Another group of ladies commented that they would like more songs that they know, that they grew up with.
  - MJG has also heard similar things. Commented that the current music is structured to be both reverent to the mass and to limit the amount of singing by parishioners and thus only an opening/closing hymn and mass parts. The offertory, without collection time, is very short, thus the offertory antiphon is chanted. Antiphon also chanted during communion. Suggested a little more variety and familiar short hymns might be considered as an alternative. Moving the live stream around may also provide some alternatives.
  - We have a 2,000 year history of church music that has a lot of variety.
  - Monsignor will discuss with Scott.
- Pre-Mass Announcements are missed.
- We do have an ongoing problem with our sound system.
  - We are working on it.
  - Monsignor may have a sound guy who can help us diagnose the problem.