

Parish Council Meeting

November 18, 2020

6pm Basement East, Zoom

Council Members Present: Mary Jean Girard, Deacon Michael Kopczewski, Msgr Cody, Father Watson, Bev Killian, Chris Killian, Tate Taylor. Via Zoom: Andy Johns, David Frea, Julie Freeman, Karen Cook, Theresa Bayes

Council members missing: Eric Brooks, Mark Tucci, Mike Ford Sr., Kevin Radwanski

Guests Present: Sherry Bokus, John Matera (Zoom)

Meeting Minutes:

- Pastor Announcements
 - Waiting on guidance from downtown for any changes due to Health advisory issued today
 - Christmas Masses
 - Decided on a 4pm, 6pm, 8pm, 10pm schedule for Christmas Eve, and 9:30am on Christmas Day
 - With 4 Masses instead of 3, it gives people a higher likelihood of being able to sit in the Nave
 - Will have overflow in Life Center and gym
 - 4 and 6 will have children's choirs.
 - Only 8 people can fit in the choir area with distancing
 - Gym will be live streamed, not separate Mass
 - has capacity of about 200
 - We may have lines on the floor, and let people set up their own chairs so that they can group themselves as needed. (Usher supervision)
 - Gym will have bleachers as well as chairs.
 - No Seat-saving this year.
 - ALL of the Masses will be live streamed
 - Will have a time open earlier in the day to have the church open for prayer & photos, then close at a certain time for sanitization, then open back up at 3 for people to come in for 4 pm Mass.
 - New Vestments!
 - We had a parishioner donate \$500 to purchase everyday vestments so our nice ones don't get worn out.
 - Msgr got 4; red, white, green, & purple ones so we can use them for Daily Mass.
 - Need to refurbish (replate) some of our chalices, the Luna, etc. PWA is going to fund this. Once this is done, they look brand new.
 - Andrea Adler can't lead the PWA anymore. Who can take over? Msgr said maybe we can look at it after the first of the year.

- KC has spoken to AA and other women, got feedback that they aren't ready to move forward yet.
- Christmas Mass
 - Data was attached to agenda. Survey Data is what led us to decision on schedule.
 - Need collection boxes for gym and quieting room
 - Quieting Room will not be open: Is being used for A/V right now
 - We are very against tickets. It isn't welcoming.
 - Masks are REQUIRED, unless medically excepted.
 - Going to make sure we have signs at all entrances saying Masks are required.
- West Deanery Update
 - Just met on Monday. Minutes just came today
 - Everyone is struggling with Christmas Masses.
 - St Simon & Jude is requiring tickets.
 - Many are doing Christmas (giving) trees.
 - Msgr is happy to let various groups continue to do what they have always done, as far as giving trees, etc.
 - SVdP collection to Laurelville
 - DMK: Laurelville suspended the distribution on THEIR request. They did come get a truckload over the summer.
 - Lots of remote meetings
 - Most parishes are having penance services. Joint penance service at St. Mary Magdalene at 2pm on Dec 13.
 - EMHCs
 - Choir still has a meetup every week
 - Reasons some ppl haven't returned is concerns around communion (Singing the Lamb of God) Msgr is singing over the book, not the elements.
 - We did order blue books this year
- Coming together as a community in 2021.
 - Will be on agenda for January meeting
- Julie Freeman-
 - It is the 60th Anniversary of the School
 - Would love to have an event to celebrate.
 - Trunk or Treat was very successful. Didn't have COVID spread.
 - DF: Our mission is to form and send intentional, missionary disciples of Christ.
 - Don't want us to lose the "missionary"
 - We also need to go out to serve as well as gather together.
 - Line for food bank is backed up way far these days.
- No meeting in December.