

ST FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH
Pastoral Council Meeting
September 22, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fr. Ray Guthrie, David Bergsma, Terrie Mess, Mary Huml, Denise Kottke-Christensen, Sue Thometz, Vince Lazzaroni, Gene Bulla. Kathie Murray present remotely via telephone.

Meeting commenced at 6:30. Sandra led us in opening prayer.

Motion made by Dave to approve meeting minutes from 8/11/2020, seconded by Gene.

Marianne discussed Irishfest updates. Discussed that ordering meals online is up and running, volunteer sign ups are going well. Publicity via radio spots per Fr. Ray on WLKG, WGN. There is an article in the upcoming Resorter about the event. Katie Grennan and her band STEAM will be performing in church on Saturday night for kick-off concert.

Father would like police to direct traffic after 10:30 mass to avoid potential traffic confusion and/or accidents as people leave mass and come in for the festival. Will check with Millie on when police were able to be present and confirm if they can help with mass outgoing traffic.

PASTORS REPORT: Fr. Ray reported that the doors to the church are now locked and on timers to allow entrance to meetings, mass, planned windows of time when traffic is predicted. Otherwise will need to be buzzed in.

Father mentioned that overall mental health for the general population is a big concern and parish safety is a concern in light of this.

Father announced that along with the Amazing Parish project he will be forming a special committee that will serve as a guide to the pastor. These members will have a closer line of communication with Father and will be the voices that he first listens to. Members of this committee thus far are Kurt, Dave, Sandra and another two members are pending.

Father reported that the school building was ready and the school was off to a great start.

School masses are going very well.

Financially the parish is doing very well and we are in the black. Collections are up.

Father reported that recently 7 families contacted him and are joining the parish.

Father said that there will be a chair, vice chair and secretary. Kathie is chair, Vince will be vice chair. Marianne can run to continue to serve as secretary. Hispanic representative is another position. Trustees are Martha and Fran, Father is President.

Prayer and Worship will be made up of Michael and then there will be a head of ushers, hospitality, eucharistic ministers, servers and environment.

Father talked about how Parish Life is underdeveloped at our parish, we have no structures set up for senior citizens, bingo, etc. Some parishes have a very active Parish Life ministry.

We need to get our committees more organized. The former members of pastoral council should consider helping their committees grow and then one member of each committee will attend pastoral council at designated meetings, but not every meeting. Certain committees would attend more on a seasonal basis such as prayer and worship.

School Advisory Board (not SAC) will be meeting this Thursday with Dr. Cepelka from the Archdiocese. Kristina Green is the chair of SAB. Father will be attending these meetings regularly.

Father offered a final prayer and blessing and the meeting concluded the meeting at 7:45.