

## **ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH Pastoral Council Meeting 12-8-2020**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Fr. Ray Guthrie, Kathleen Murray, Vince Lazzaroni, Martha Cucco, Daryl Braun, Fran Zappitelli, Marianne Weber. Kathie called meeting to order at 6:00 and Father said opening prayer.

Also in attendance : Millie McCormick, Carol Nevin, Shelly Bergsma

Vince made a motion to approve minutes from the October 22nd meeting. Fran seconded and the minutes were approved.

### **PASTOR'S REPORT:**

The Hispanic community has been working with the archdiocese to find adequate coverage for Spanish speaking masses since Fr. Jeff was reassigned to Texas. A representative from the Archdiocese met with the community and Fr. Ray on 12-6 to work through possible solutions. The community would like Fr. Ray to say mass for Christmas alongside an interpreter. A Spanish speaking member of our parish is planning to start in the diaconate program.

The parish has many activities happening for Advent including Father Ray's scripture study on the birth stories of Jesus, the Rejoice book study offered twice weekly, and the Living Nativity planned for the weekend before Christmas.

The school has six new students. The school is weathering the challenges of providing virtual education very well.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Deanery Meeting report from Kathie:** one of the participating parishes was offering Spanish mass online and Millie questioned whether that might be something our parish could offer.

**Living Nativity:** Banner is done and hung on the fence on upper lot. Advertising is being done on WLKG, community. Chapel on the Hill loaned costumes. Final planning is moving forward.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Disciple Index report per Millie:** survey final analysis by The Catholic Institute was postponed because of Covid. Three items from survey that we are prioritizing are : COMMUNITY (Living Nativity), FAITH FORMATION (book studies) AND COMMUNICATION.

**Human Concerns report per Carol:** the coat drive was very successful (50 new coats). Advent drives for 4 organizations: Twin Oaks Shelter, Lakeland School, New Day Women's Center and St. Francis de Sales Seminary. We did not get enough volunteers to do bell ringing for the Salvation Army. Carol proposed the option to donate to the Salvation Army despite the fact that we did not have collections via bell ringing. It was also proposed to donate both to Salvation Army and to a Catholic organization such as St. Vincent de Paul Society or Catholic Charities.

**Financial Update per Daryl:** payroll now being done inhouse with a savings of approximately \$4000 per year. Daryl gave a quick update of current numbers.

Father introduced and welcomed Shelly Bergsma as our new office manager. Shelly will work in the school on Thursdays when Judy Weeks is in office.

Next meeting January 12th at 6pm.

Submitted by Marianne Weber

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