



## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

Tuesday, Nov 17, 2020

**Prayer Service** Fr. Brian

**Attendees:** Fr. Brian, Deacon Chris Rauch, Jeannette Fromm, Marty McClain, Mary Ellen Singer, Delany Baldinger

### **PAC Members present**

Dan Driskell, Cathy Frank, Danny Sprouse, Melissa Bennett, Chris Gardner, Lisa Barhorst, Chuck Destefani, Sarah Chivers, Shawn Norris, Deb Franz, Tom Kwest, Karen Cwiekalo

### **PAC Members absent:**

**Welcome:** Dan Driskell/Fr. Brian

**Approval of October meeting minutes-** Motion Dan Driskell, another name spelling error noted, seconded and approved, Ayes—all Nays--none

### **Staff Report:** Deacon Chris

See the report sent by Deacon Chris. Regarding pavers, it is being worked out where an outside company will do the artwork & text, as directed by a sponsor and then sent to the Church

### **Commission/Committee Reports:**

**Social Action: Meghann Naveau-** Meghann was unable to attend and e-mailed the following summary:

Here's the social action commission update, and please send me any questions:

- We continue to host the CSSMV food drive third Sunday of the month; June through October, the parish donated more than 2,500 pounds of food!
- Weavers of Justice fair trade sale is this coming weekend - all online instead of in-person (see bulletin for links and details)
- Commission is drafting an update/report for the parish of activities July - November (see January through June on SAC page of parish website)
- Continuing to work on purposeful planning for next year; focusing on Catholic Social Teaching, supporting ministries, and connecting the dots between the two to help educate parish on living CST in our daily lives and ministry work

**Faith Formation: Mary Ellen Singer-**They are reviewing, on going, how to apply the Amazing Parish concept in their activities.

**Worship Committee: Jeannette Fromm-**They are, also, discussing the Amazing Parish and how it applies to the service of others. They are very active in coordinating the Christmas services and Giving Tuesday. There is a great need for volunteers and they are asking us all to seek people to help.

**Finance: Deacon Chris-** Finances are good. Fr. Tom Schmidt donated over \$20K to St Francis from his estate. Giving Tuesday funds are exempt from the Diocese taking any portion, all proceeds go to St. Francis Parish. Acoustic work is needed in the Church and this is a target for these funds, more below.

**Youth Ministry: Delany Baldinger-** D cell Wednesday meetings were cancelled for 2 weeks due to Covid restrictions, but they met as able for fellowship and service. They held an XLT Praise and Worship the 15<sup>th</sup> with 10 teens and 10 adults attending. The next XLT is December 20<sup>th</sup>. The TV show "CHOSEN" will be watched and discussed, and is being set up as a Thursday event. Delany was also accepted to the University of Dayton, congratulations.

**Business Updates: Deacon Chris-** New projectors are being put in before Christmas in the John Paul II room. Also, we will be audited this December 18<sup>th</sup>. Postcards are being mailed to Parishioners, targeting homebound folks and those not coming into the Church, to let them know we are here and they are important to us.

**Fr. Brian Updates-** Christmas Mass schedule will be 3PM, 5PM and 7PM Christmas Eve and 8:30 AM and 11 AM Mass for Christmas day. Reservations will be required for the 3 & 5 PM Masses and everyone will be ushered to their seats. We will use John Paul II and Friendship Hall and the Gathering space for seating as well. A full choir will not be at a particular Mass, but each Mass will have a smaller group providing the music.

We had an acoustic review on the worship space and it was determined the sound system is fine, however there is a reverberation issue distorting the sound. The fix for this is acoustic panels mounted on the walls. An old quote to do this was \$30K, but with volunteer labor to install it this will be reduced significantly. There was a consensus that this is indeed a problem and needs attention. The panels would be painted to closely match the walls and minimize their presence. Giving Tuesday funds may be used for this project.

A general discussion was brought up on doing something in memory of Fr. Tom, such as a bench, dedication of the Gathering Space, Baptismal Font, or artwork. This will be given future thought.

**Thanksgiving Donations: Tom Kwest-** The Thanksgiving donations are going well with 9 families signed up at this point. They will be packing up items Saturday for distribution Sunday

**Fr. Brian Discussion-**A general discussion was had where we were asked : Why do we exist? Why does PAC exist, what is our role? Fr. Brian commented that we are to guide people in their search for fulfillment, wherever they are at, towards Christ. And as St. Augustine said, " Our hearts are restless until they rest in You".

Comments from some PAC people pointed out that we are facilitators to our Parish leadership that we spread that Charism by our actions that it is shown by the many Ministries seen on display of the entry wall, that we can be the eyes and ears and filters of insights and information from the pews to the pulpit.

Also, Fr. Brian has been selected to be on the Presbyter (?) Council to the Archbishop, a similar function as PAC is to the Pastor.

**Action Item:** None noted

**New Business:** No December meeting, next meeting Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Closing Remarks:** Fr. Brian- Thank You.

**Closing prayers:** Fr. Brian