



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

Attendees: Fr. Brian, Deacon Chris Rauch, Jeannette Fromm, Marty McClain, Mary Ellen Singer, Delany Baldinger, Matt Grismer, Meghann Naveau

PAC Members present: Cathy Frank, Danny Sprouse, Chris Gardner, Lisa Barhorst, Sarah Chivers, Deb Franz, Tom Kwest, Karen Cwiekalo

PAC Members absent: Dan Driskell, Shawn Norris, Melissa Bennett, Chuck Destefani

Welcome: Lisa Barhorst/Fr. Brian

Approval of November meeting minutes- Motion Lisa Barhorst, approved, seconded, Ayes—all, Nays--none

Staff Report: Deacon Chris

See the report sent by Deacon Chris, some items addressed directly later in the meeting.

Commission/Committee Reports:

Social Action: Meghann Naveau- We continue to host the CSSMV food drive third Sunday of the month; Now up to 3,000 lbs of donated food. The bulletin and website are being used to provide an update on their activities. There will be a discussion on race Thursday Jan 21 via Zoom. Their meeting last Thursday focused on what action is needed to help each specific Ministry and educating us on Catholic Social Teachings.

Faith Formation: Matt Grismer-They are continuing to develop a culture of Prayer in light of the Amazing Parish concept. Their meeting had an open discussion of how they prayed. Developing from formal and known prayers to being prayerful through the days' activities.

Worship Committee: Jeannette Fromm-They are looking at prayer options within the Parish, how can we expand our prayer life? Also, focusing on the needs for Ash Wednesday, Stations of the Cross and Easter, using the Christmas services as a reference, with feedback from others.

Finance: Deacon Chris- Review of the last six months' report shows our finances to be in excellent shape. We cut expenses by around 10% starting last year in a response to anticipated reductions in donations.

Youth Ministry: Delany Baldinger- D cells are watching “CHOSEN” followed by a discussion. Families have been interacting in this activity as well. They held a Praise & Worship and XLT Adoration this last Sunday. They are looking into options for the March for Life. Their next meeting will be discussing “life is sacred”.

Business Updates: Deacon Chris- Giving Tuesday was a success with \$95,522 collected towards the sound issues in the Church. Todd Berling of Harvey Marshall Berling Associates has acted as a consultant and suggests seat cushions can help by dampening sound when a person is not in the pew. This also helps with sound adjustments being less dynamic. Sound adjustments based on occupancy requires extra effort and expertise by dedicated personnel and is one more difficulty. A rough estimate on cushions is \$35,000. Comments from PAC members had concerns, with cost versus effectiveness, maintenance and cleanliness and suggested seeing how the panels work first and then discuss cushions in the future. Deacon Chris concurred. He is working on getting several bids.

The audit from the Archdiocese on HR and Finance are complete and Child Protection results are pending completion. In summary we are good in all areas with minor items to be addressed. The Archdiocese will provide a meeting to PAC to review the financial audit, this is a new procedure. Date to be determined.

Fr. Brian Updates- Christmas Mass was reviewed. One issue was the empty seats during the reserved Masses. This was due to cancelations without the ability to reissue the seats. Another issue was that the ushers filled the outer areas first anticipating filling the inner pews as more people arrive. This allowed them to evaluate easily where seats were, but left gaps in the center section.

Comments from PAC members were positive otherwise, enjoying a nice service and thankful that we had Christmas Mass.

Ash Wednesday Liturgy will be modified as directed from Rome. Ashes will be blessed with Holy water and sprinkled onto the head, not applied to the forehead. The addressing of “Repent and believe... or Remember you are ashes...” will be given to the assembly as a whole, not as each individual receives the ashes. Ashes can only be received in a Liturgy not applied outside of this as was done with ashes.

This new procedure will be shared with the parish as we approach Ash Wednesday. Our services will be Masses at 8:30AM, 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM with a noon Prayer service lead by Deacon Chris.

Fr. Brian Discussion- Protestors during the 5PM Epiphany services were using megaphones commenting to parishioners coming into the service, in a negative way. He was unable to address this as he was ready for Mass. He spoke with Centerville police on this, and it was within their rights to peaceful protest. They advised him to call them if this occurs again. Father Brian suggest that we do not confront them as a group and that we are better served by “offering them a cup of coffee”.

Deacon Chris Discussion-There is a concern with the openness of the building throughout the day when many areas are vacant. Both the concern for the wellness of a visitor and the safety of people and property. He is wondering how we should manage this.

A question on opening the facility to ministries to meet was addressed by Father Brian and Deacon Chris saying that we are limiting events to Faith Formation for now.

Action Item: None noted

New Business: Next meeting Tuesday, January 16th.

Closing Remarks: Fr. Brian- Thank You.

Closing prayers: Fr. Brian