



## **ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH**

**Tuesday, February 16, 2021**

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

**PAC Members present:** Cathy Frank, Danny Sprouse, Chris Gardner, Lisa Barhorst, Sarah Chivers, Tom Kwest, Karen Cwiekalo, Dan Driskell, Shawn Norris, Melissa Bennett, Chuck Destefani

**PAC Members absent:** Deb Franz

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

**Approval of January meeting minutes-** Motion Dan Driskell, approved, and seconded

**Staff Report:** Deacon Chris

See the report sent by Deacon Chris, some items addressed directly later in the meeting. Tom Kwest noted that clarification was needed to reference Bellbrook Sugarcreek Community Support Center (name change) and Catholic Social Services of Miami Valley, rather than CRS, Catholic Relief Service.

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

**Social Action: Meghann Naveau-** Social Action continue to host the CSSMV food drive third Sunday of the month. Vicki Hume is helping develop a newsletter to have all the activities in one place, they currently use the bulletin and website. The discussion on race Thursday Jan 21 via Zoom had over 20 participants. They are looking at specific activities to support; poverty, refugee resettlement, anti-racism and are inquiring within the parish what are the interest and needs of all Social Action groups. They are also working, ongoing, on educating us on what are the teachings of Catholic Social Action.

**Faith Formation: Mary Ellen Singer-**Ongoing discussion and focus on the Amazing Parish concept.

**Worship Committee: Jeannette Fromm-**They are looking at active participation during worship for Lenten season. Ash Wednesday, Stations of the Cross, Triduum. Working to answer: How do we get participation so they we appreciate the value of these events?

**Finance: Deacon Chris-** Approximately \$96,000 collected for acoustic work. We have an excess of funds from the tuition subsidy account and the Finance Committee feels we should donate these to a group in need of funds, as we did last year.

**Youth Ministry: Delany Baldinger-** D cells continue to meet in person and watch “CHOSEN” followed by a lively discussion. The March for Life will not be done due to COVID, but the Archdiocese has information for them on Life is Sacred. An area gathering of youth on March 14 will be held, similar to an XLT event.

**Business Updates: Deacon Chris-** In light of new sound speakers and other equipment changes, and to also utilize multiple experts, Acoustics First was consulted and did some balloon testing and are reviewing this data and blueprints to offer additional insights on solutions. The fee was \$1,500. Their recommendations should be available in 30 days. It will allow us to compare their conclusions to those of Todd Berling of Harvey Marshall Berling Associates.

We are still waiting on notification from the Archdiocese to review the audit with both the Finance Committee and PAC.

**Fr. Brian Updates-** Virtus training will be replaced by Safe Parish to keep volunteers and staff updated in safety protocols and information. The format will be quarterly interactive videos of around 10 minutes rather than the monthly bulletin with questions. This move was made because Safe Parish is linked to the payroll data to allow better tracking that all the correct people are receiving training. This will begin July 1.

**Fr. Brian Discussion-** Beacons of Light planning for the Archdiocese, in order to address the future shortage of Priests, was outlined. Partners Edge is acting as a consultant for this project and are gathering data from the Parishes starting back in November. They will report the summary to an oversight committee at the Archdiocese to then send reports to the local Priests in April. The Priests will then review and advise back to the oversight committee. The oversight committee then evaluate this information in the fall. The development of changes will take place over the next 5 years. In some way, Parishes will be teamed with other Parishes with the Parish Priests covering multiple locations. The best way to do this is what is being evaluated. The Office of Parish Vitality will assist throughout the process. Concerns noted and that will be addressed through the process include: how do we maintain groups, activities events, Liturgy within a shared/teamed Churches/Parishes? What method does the Priest gain insights and opinions? What duties of the Priest can be delegated to staff and how is this done? The Priests will seek input from many sources including their staff and PAC's. Appreciative Inquiry was a method offered by Father Brian to get insights from others.

**Action Item:** None noted

**New Business:** Next meeting Tuesday, March 16, 2021.

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

**Closing prayers: Fr. Brian**