



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

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

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

PAC Members absent: Lisa Barhorst

Welcome: Dan Driskell/Fr. Brian

Fr. Brian says that the Archbishop's dispensation for attending Mass is still valid for now, and restrictions are being relaxed (water in Baptismal fonts, use of hymnals etc)

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

Staff Report: Deacon Chris

The Prairie will need it's own committee to manage it, Deacon Chris is looking for volunteers,

Commission/Committee Reports:

Social Action: Meghann Naveau- Social Action continue to host the CSSMV food drive third Sunday of the month. The first newsletter went out in March. The discussion on race will be ongoing, quarterly with the next event in late April. Future events for September, October and November, are simulations of poverty, day of service, and a retreat, respectively one per each of these months. There is ongoing communication with the Social Action Ministries to assess their needs. They are working on a survey of the Parish on what we now and need in regards to Catholic Social Teachings.

Faith Formation: Maureen Hoffman-Ongoing discussion and focus on the Amazing Parish concept and how we work with restrictions due to Covid. Particular areas of concern are how people are facing loneliness and the lack of control people are experiencing.

Worship Committee: Jeannette Fromm-Ongoing preparations for Holy week working within limitations. March 28th is a candlelight Mass at Holy Trinity with Fr. Brian presiding, we are considering something similar, and we will see how this goes and learn from it. Hopefully it will appeal to youth and engage them in the different liturgies. The committee is ongoing looking at ways to do this.

Finance: Deacon Chris- No report this month.

Youth Ministry: Delany Baldinger- D cells continue to meet in person and watch "CHOSEN" followed by deep and energetic discussions. Wednesday's D cell made casseroles for St. Vincent's. Around 100 people attended the Encounter Dayton event. Upcoming in April will be a retreat with youth from St. Charles and Incarnation.

Business Updates: Deacon Chris- Mike Staffan of Lighthouse Sound joined the meeting to help outline options in regards to the worship space acoustics. Option 1 reduce the 3 second delay to 1 ½ seconds, Option 2 reduce the delay to about 2 seconds.

Option 2 is a good first step consisting of adding 91 sound deadening panels along areas of the side walls and going up the ceiling walls. (see the report "2021 Sound Acoustics" from Deacon Chris for further specifics) Panels would likely be a very similar color as the existing walls & ceilings. Stations of the Cross area would not have panels. More panels can be added after completion and valuation of this option. Other sound modifications (different speakers and sound equipment) may be needed after these are put in, but this cannot be determined until completion. The panel cost is around \$30,000 + and 3 bids would be collected for installation. No timeline has been set and when a contractor is accepted the details of installation would be worked out.

Fr. Brian Updates- Easter will have 3 Masses, 8AM, 10AM and Noon, no reservations. For Palm Sunday we will get palms as we enter and take our seats. The Gospel reading will take place followed by a Blessing of the congregation by Holy Water. Holy Thursday will have Fr. Brian washing the feet of his parents. The conclusion of this service will be the transferring of the Eucharist to a 2nd Tabernacle for Adoration until 9PM, then the Altar is stripped. Good Friday service at 7 PM with Veneration of the Cross consisting of a procession of the Cross with 3 pauses for veneration and the Cross is then left at the altar for additional veneration by bowing or genuflecting, however no touching of the Cross. Also, Stations of the Cross will be done at 3 PM, outside if the weather allows it. If outside, we will process out towards Wilmington Pike at the conclusion as witness to others. Easter Vigil will have an outside fire for Catechumens and sponsors, others will stay in the Church. There will be no candles, but perhaps torches staged. Baptisms will be performed next to the ambo followed by Confirmations.

Fr. Brian Discussion- Beacons of Light data has been gathered and will be provided to the Priests to begin reviewing and discerning a plan. We do not know what is next but we have an opportunity to grow and aspire to something more.

Fr. Brian asked for experiences from us on what has impressed or engaged us at St. Francis, many comments were made, including;
Retreats, music, dance, small groups, St. Vincent's, children activities and presence, bereavement support, Religious education, young adult activities, personal experiences within the Parish, the Welcome committee,. Then, how do we get others to have these positive experiences?;
modeling to others by our actions, families actively participating, share ourselves corporally and spiritually, use media, streaming Mass and Rosary, encourage people to go deeper than where they are at now, by being welcoming, engaging others

Action Item: Next month we will follow up on Fr. Tom's estate's donation, review the Diocese audit and prepare for new PAC positions.

New Business: Next meeting Tuesday, April 20, 2021' .

Closing Remarks: Fr. Brian- Thank You.

Closing prayers: Fr. Brian