



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Attendees: Fr. Brian, Jeannette Fromm, Meghann Naveau, Marty McClain, Cheri Rotterman, Ben Mersch, Seminarian

PAC Members present: Cathy Frank, Danny Sprouse, Sarah Chivers, Tom Kwest, Shawn Norris, Melissa Bennett, Lisa Barhorst, Karen Cwiekalo, Deb Franz, Mary Gutman, John Hoffmann, Lynn Stuart, Dave Laurash, John Maqsud

PAC Members absent: Deacon Chris Rauch, Chris Gardner, Chuck Destefani

Welcome: Fr. Brian/Lisa Barhorst
Opening prayer

Approval of August meeting minutes- Motion approved, seconded and approved by all.

Staff Report: Deacon Chris –presented by Fr. Brian—

Black top bid--\$20k; path for prayer walks may be gravel but may be difficult for wheelchairs. consider benches along path—could use the memorial benches as a possibility; also running out of room in the gathering space for additional benches; consider rotating inside to outside possibility; benches at the Stations for meditation.

Giving Tuesday—would be helpful if sound panels were installed so parishioners could see what they gave last year and the impact; may encourage donations again this year
Hold on filling DRE position with Beacons of Light and parish families.

Social Action: Meghann Naveau:

Food drive continues monthly.

Antiracism discussion on Zoom with 27 participants including two presenters

Catholic Social Teaching—focus on principle of solidarity and human family—bulletin and website

Faith Formation: Cheri Rotterman-

Exploring purpose and role of faith formation and striving for high quality programming; determining how programs are evaluated and the evaluation process

Worship Committee: Jeannette Fromm-

Walk through the live Bible and improve prayer opportunities at St. Francis

Initial preparation for family of parishes

Candlelight mass on Oct 21 (June was well attended)

Reconciliation offered prior to candlelight mass on Oct 21

Finance: Deacon Chris (absent)—Fr. Brian attempted to provide update (his words)

Approx 10K ahead of budget

Thank you for everyone's generosity

Youth Ministry: Marty McClain

D cells—one after 11am mass; two on Sunday evenings—watching Chosen

Generates a lot of conversation about life, connections and the Gospel

Lots of kids identify with Matthew in Chosen as he is socially awkward; autism spectrum disorder possibly.

Karen expressed her appreciation for this opportunity

Matt Mar—Catholic “rock star” with free concert

NCYC—Nov—group attending (10) in Indianapolis including Ben

Newman Centers at colleges—Danny--CMA conference—students enthusiastic; how to inform graduating high school seniors; Newman Foundation—mapping program—supply names, emails and college so incoming freshman are invited

Business Updates: deferred**Fr. Brian Discussion-**

Masking and COVID19 Delta variant—protecting our most vulnerable; supports our Catholic Social Teaching in solidarity; challenges now that there is no “mask mandate.”

Communicate to all commissions and servers to wear masks and lead by example.

Oct 1—Beacons of Light—initial recommendations for families will be posted on the website and there will be a period for comments; Merging cultures may be addressed with comments

Nov 1—official announcement of families of parishes

Expect to join 2-3 parishes as a family; 2000 families approximately at St. Francis

Letter from Archbishop on Beacons of Light website—excellent

Need for grass roots input in developing the families or decisions can be reversed in Rome

Third party consultation after comment period

Possibility of deacons being reassigned to other parish families—deacons live within their parishes, so they are not randomly reassigned

Will the parish families be renamed? It will be up to the parish family

Priests have one day opportunity to provide feedback

New Business: Lisa Barhorst-

Have 2 PAC members at each mass on Oct 3, 10 & 17 to assist parishioners access Beacons of Light website

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Closing Remarks: Lisa/Fr. Brian- Thank You

Prayer, teamwork & discipleship—next month share an example from around the parish where it was observed—share at the end of the PAC meetings.

Closing prayers: Fr. Brian