

## Pastoral Council Meeting

10/6/2021

In Attendance: Pat Peterson, Phyllis Krause, Tony Shay, Joyce Humfeld (PCCW ), Dennis Vinger, Kris Brueggen, Craig Poshepney, Fr. Matt

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Fr. Matt.

Agenda Items and discussion:

1. Sharing between former and current councils:

Tony and Joyce shared that the past council worked well together. Perspectives from new members are welcomed.

Pat—Council meetings between priests or when the priest is absent--Fr. Matt discussed having council meetings without the priest present is dependent on the deanery. Some Deans prefer to have the Dean present as major changes should be made with guidance. When a priest leaves, a transition plan is in place with the parish council.

Fr. Matt—discussion about how the council decides on dispersion of funds for people in need. We have had fewer requests for cash and gas cards. We prefer to pay directly to the entity (rent, utilities, give food, etc.) rather than dispersing cash. Funds from other committees (men's club, others) may have been transferred to this account. Fr. Matt discussed how oversight is needed to make decisions on how funds are dispersed, and asked the council for assistance with this.

2. Overview of Council's Purpose and Procedures:

Terms of council members: Diocese suggests 3 year terms, renewable x 1. Since all members (exception Tony) are new, there was discussion on how to stagger members' terms so that there is not a totally new council every 3 years. Diocese recommends a council of no less than 3 members, but no more than 12. Fr. Matt considers the appropriate number for our parish is 8. Fr. Matt has appointed Parker Moore.

Discussion about adding a college age student, a high school student, or both, for added perspective. Tony suggested rotating students so that they would not have to make a year or more commitment. Perhaps also rotating students in parish committees (liturgy, finance, book club, PCCW, and hopefully others will re-form after COVID). Discussion on how to announce the need for student representation. Fr. Matt will announce this on facebook and the church bulletin once the council is prepared to add members.

Minutes—the minutes should be available for editing and sharing within 24 hours of the meeting. Minute taking will be rotated.

Discussion of how to make parishioners aware of how to contact us. Council agreed on email being the best way. Our emails will be in the bulletin. All are aware that parishioners will likely call us, and talk with us at church, as well.

Permanent attendees of council meetings: PCCW representative, Tony in his role of Deacon.

One council member will rotate through the Parish Finance Council meetings which occur every other month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday. The next meeting is November 19. Craig will attend.

Next meeting of the Pastoral Council—every other month at 7 pm on the first Wednesday. The next meeting will be December 1<sup>st</sup>. Meetings for 2022 will be February 2, April 6, June 1, August 3, October 5, December 7.

Religious Education—We have 6 volunteers to serve 3 classes: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> grades. Two teachers per each class. An online option will be available. Fr. Matt would like to form a RE committee to help address concerns about programming and future planning for the RE program.

### 3. Up and coming Holidays

Christmas—Fr. Matt would like to have one mass in Coon Valley and two masses in Viroqua for Christmas.

Viroqua—Christmas Eve at 8pm, Christmas Day at 10am

Coon Valley—Christmas Eve at 4pm

Weekend masses after Christmas on Sunday only

Viroqua—10:30am

Coon Valley—8am

Discussion about a 5 mass schedule—Fr. Matt would be less available during the week if this were to happen. Further discussion is needed on this.

Mass times—several of the council members are receiving requests for mass time changes. Further discussion is needed on this, as well.

Adjournment at 8:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Krisine Brueggen