
St. Stephen the Martyr Pastoral Council

April 28, 2020

The regularly scheduled meeting of SSM Pastoral Council was held on Tuesday, April 28 at 7:00 PM via Zoom conferencing.

Opening Prayer

Donna Titman led the Council in a prayer to open the meeting.

Call to Order

President, Dean Baumert called the meeting to order. Trinette Shamburg, Secretary, recorded minutes of the meeting.

Roll Call

The following members of the Council were present:

- Father Padraic Stack
- Trinette Shamburg
- Donna Titman
- Julie Tylski
- Deena Merten
- Father Dave Belt
- Dean Baumert
- Jerry Venner
- Nancy Williams
- Mike Sullivan

The following members of the Council were absent:

- Michael White

Pastor Report (Fr. Dave)

Parish Update

- Ministries are “down”, RCIA is staying connected, Masses are live streamed and spiritual activities ongoing.
- Principals working with parents and faculty, several staff members are furloughed or partly furloughed, 2 custodians working, some employees working from home.
- Finances are ok and we are able to operate, collections are down \$5 - 10K per week, about 60% parishioners give online. Finance Council is reviewing budgets, possibly reducing staff in parish and school, examining classroom sizes - hanging tight to see how this will work out.
- Academic year will end on time. Not sure what will happen this Fall regarding school.
- Archbishop and Governor allowing Mass after May 4. Needing to disinfect all hard surfaces between Masses. Discussion took place regarding Mass seating, disinfecting, social distancing, etc... continue to live stream on Sunday. A better camera and tripod has been ordered. Two daily Masses would be offered. Additional planning is required. Fr. does not want to rush into this. Training will be required for ushers.
- Confirmation, First Communion and Baptisms will be received this summer around Pentecost, hopefully June or July.
- Food Pantry Ministry is growing feeding other pantries and our own callers.

- Parishioners, age 70+, received phone calls from our parish - a new ministry is being created with this.
- All VBS and RE has been canceled. Enrollment is currently low for RE.

Unfinished/Ongoing Business

Leveling Sessions Follow Up

- Working Group will be created comprised of Council Volunteers, Evangelization members and Staff
- Jim Jansen to facilitate a Zoom meeting mid-May focusing on our parish dream, obstacles and opportunities. Capitalize on family blessings at this time.

New Business

New Member Recruitment

- Michael White has stepped down due to scheduling conflicts. Nancy Williams will not serve a second term. Dean Baumert is considering a second term. Three applications have been received to date. Council will review, evaluate and make a recommendation to Father Dave. He will make the final selection at our May meeting. Officer selection is in June.

For the good of the Council

- Summer send off needs to be planned.

Closing

Being no other business, the Council closed the meeting with Mr. Baumert leading the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.