

**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**  
**December 14, 2020**  
**7:45PM**

The Pastoral Council meeting was held on Monday, December 14, 2020.

Those in attendance were: Father Dorn, Ken Balster, Howard Overman, Shannon Craft, Nancy Topp, Cory Steinke, Katie Eyink

Those absent: Deacon Greg Bornhorst, Samantha Larger, Jim Kaiser, Carol Krumm, Scott Frey, Dave Champagne

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Father Dorn.

**Special Guests:** None

Minutes from the prior pastoral council meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Commission/Committee Updates:**

- *Education Commission* – no updates
- *Finance Committee* – updates were provided by Ken Balster
  - weekly tithing is down
  - budget is on track overall
  - there were no staff raises for this year
  - revenue is down approximately 15% but most parishes are experiencing similar decreases
  - one atypical expense has been the cost for the additional priest for weekend masses
- *Property Committee* – updates per Howard Overman and Cory Steinke
  - the hill on the north side of the parish grounds will be moved
  - grass will be reseeded in the spring through a donation
  - the soil for the garden has been added and leveled
- *Evangelization and Service Commission*
  - Jessie Romero is a mission speaker who will be providing a presentation to the parish.
  - Jeff Risner, a new member of the parish, would like to work with the parish to give back to the community through various projects. He would like members of the parish to serve as volunteers for these projects when they commence.
    - any ideas should be submitted to the parish office
    - council discussed the overlap of several ministries and need to streamline the goals/missions of the various ministries

**Discussion Topics:**

- Old Business – no discussion
- New Business
  - Question raised about the return of The Sign of Peace during mass
    - this will continue on hold until new directives from the Archdiocese
- Renovation Updates - no updates

**Comments/Announcements:**

- No reports

**Father Dorn's Report:**

- a group of men will be completing Exodus 90 again this Lenten season
  - it is a "spiritual bootcamp"
- there is a consideration for a women's group to begin a similar program
- there will be a group completing the Consecration to St. Joseph
  - there has been a donation to help offset the cost of the books for the program
- the new advent wreath was funded through a generous donation
- there will be new Nativity figurines/statues through a seperate generous donation
  - some of the statues are on backorder and will not arrive in time for Christmas
- Renovations
  - the church will be closed for a period of two months over the summer to allow for the completion of renovations
  - new pews and kneelers will be installed
  - ceiling will be redone
- mass schedule is going to remain the same at this time
- there was a question/suggestion to discuss the option of having the long-handled baskets for offertory
  - council members suggested relocating the current baskets to the back of church near the pews for now
- the men's 3rd CRHP/Welcome retreat will be held in April 2021
  - 7 individuals attended the retreat in November 2020
  - this group holds one retreat per year

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 11, 2021 at 7:45pm.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Mumaw