

St. Ignatius of Antioch Pastoral Council
Council Meeting
October 13, 2020

Meeting called to order: 6:00 PM

Council members present:

Will Avitabile, Catherine Vidaurri, Vince Augusta, Steve Andreatta

Council Members present via Zoom:

Bill Barbanica, Susannah Nelson

Also present: Father Robert, David Nelson – Discerning Member, 1st Visit

Opening Prayer – Will

September 2020 Pastoral Council minutes were approved.

Susannah Nelson introduced her guest (and spouse) David Nelson who is considering membership on the council.

Will shared latest update from Theresa Nelms regarding the Grand Raffle - Ticket sales at \$26,000 gross and she is hoping for \$30,000 gross. Expenses will be \$9-11,000 depending on if winner picks the cash or the trip

Will shared message from Brian McCoy regarding the expansion project and other building maintenance issues.

Sewer repairs – Cost to repair the front sewer is \$6,000, not \$16,000 as originally estimated.

The rear sewer needs approximately \$7,000 in repairs/upgrades which will be included in kitchen expansion

Father Robert shared that the sewer connection from the existing trash enclosure pad was connected to the sewer in the street when the parking lot was installed.

Expansion plans have been approved by City and Fire Department, however, the Health Department wants more details on the floor, ceiling and wall materials, plus locations of floor drains etc. Architects say this is typical and will get information to Health Department as soon as possible

The biggest issue is the trash enclosure – current estimate is \$150,000 if built as designed by the architects. Alternatives are being assessed - various members asked if minimum requirements were researched or does it have to be built to the architects' specs. Will will get more information from Brian.

Parking lot will be paid off with the November payment.

3rd quarter financial statement will be completed this week.

Regarding the Parish reopening committee, Vince reported that things are going well. He has a good crew of ushers, parking lot attendants and check-in table workers.

An indoor Saturday morning Mass (9:00 AM) has been added with attendance limited to 100 which means about 80 attendees plus workers. A third liturgy was considered, but at this point there are not enough volunteers and there doesn't appear to be enough interest.

Weekday Masses are not on the agenda as volunteers are not available.

Outdoor Mass is scheduled to last through the end of October, and when it gets too cold will be moved inside. Once construction on the expansion starts, the lawn will not be available.

A question about plans for outside Mass if the COVID-19 restrictions change and indoor Mass is no longer possible was raised. Vince indicated that they have thought about it but it may just be too cold.

Father Robert shared that Advent and Christmas will be in the church, subject to COVID protocols and similarly limited attendance.

Vince shared again that the primary concern regarding all reopening issues is the safety and health of the parishioners. The committee is following the directives from the Bishop who is working with County Health Departments.

Will shared that, per Brian McCoy, the Winter Nights Shelter program will be asking for cash donations in lieu of volunteer services as they will be required to contract with restaurants/caterers for the meals, and outside volunteers will be prohibited. He also said that shelter capacities will be at about 50%, and all of the venues will be on the other side of the hill.

The St. Vincent DePaul Thanksgiving basket outreach will also be changed to cash donations and the recipients will be given the usual turkey and a voucher to Grocery Outlet.

Bill reported that the new Parish Handbook, after some minor updates and format changes, will be available for distribution. It will be available at the masses and to anyone who registers as a new parishioner with the office.

Will opened a discussion regarding ways to make up for not having a Commitment Month, and specifically, how to replace the Ministry Fair.

It was agreed that the concepts of Stewardship are alive and well in the parish based on the following:

- the level of financial commitment demonstrated by the parishioners during the last eight months
- the volunteers that have come forward to make the Sunday Liturgies successful
- and the general level of concern for the Parish's well-being expressed by parishioners

Regarding the Ministry Fair outreach, Vince suggested that each Parish ministry be asked to put together a short presentation that could be posted on the Website/Facebook Page/Flocknotes. The presentations could be videos, power point, or whatever suits each group's needs. The subject was left open for further discussion.

Susannah restated her appreciation of the communication afforded by Flocknotes and asked if anyone knew the number of parishioners enrolled. Father Robert thought it was about 250. Will will follow up with Brian McCoy to see if there is a more current count.

Finally, Father Robert shared that our dear parishioner and stalwart member of the Parish Maintenance Team Jose Palomino has entered into Hospice care and the final stage of his fight against cancer.

Next Meeting – November 10, 2020 – Will's house and/or Zoom

Volunteers

Opening Prayer - Steve

Closing Prayer - Susannah

Adjournment

Closing Prayer Meditation - Catherine