

St. Ignatius of Antioch Church
Pastoral Council Meeting
December 8, 2020

Meeting called to order: 6:00 PM

Council members present via Zoom:

- Father Robert, Will Avitabile, Catherine Vidaurri, Bill Barbanica, Susannah Nelson, Steve Andreatta, Reggia Desmond
- David Nelson, Discerning Member 3rd Visit

Council members absent:

- Vince Augusta

No Finance Council Liaison member present.

Opening prayer – Susannah Nelson and Group

November 2020 Pastoral Council Minutes approved.

On-Going Projects

- Building Projects – Message from Brian McCoy
 - We received another preliminary budget from contractor. First glance, not bad but (not surprisingly) shows that current monetary resources will be very, very tight. Expansion Committee hopes to meet this week and follow up with Oliver and Company.
 - Finance Council is working on 2021 budget. Budget will assume no significant changes to parish operations until at least April (e.g. no St. Joseph dinner, no Lenten fish fry, no in-person meetings, no in-person Lenten services, continued restricted Mass attendance, etc.)
 - Delayed sewer work on front bathrooms completed.
 - Receiving bids on chain link trash enclosure. First bid without roof was \$8,200. Another bid expected this week to include the roof. Chain link enclosure is much less expensive than masonry. There are still some issues with the electricity.
- St. Nicholas Drive Through Dinner
 - Well organized by Social Events Coordinator Marla Plurkowski
 - Drive-through ran very smooth, 1st Stop check in and gift bag table, 2nd Stop salad and dessert table, 3rd Stop hot food table, 4th stop St. Nicholas greeting.
 - 120 dinners sold
 - 10 donated raffle prizes were distributed to winners by Marla on Sunday.
- Ministry Faire Alternative
 - The Parish Council will be inviting all ministries to develop a 3-5 minute presentation (video, PowerPoint, etc.) that will be posted on our FaceBook page, distributed via Flocknote, and then posted on the St. Ignatius website.
 - An email invitation will be sent out in January, after the holiday season.

Re-Opening Parish/Mass – Father Robert / Vince Augusta

- No report.

Moving Forward – Susannah Nelson

- Susannah shared three Models of how parishes are functioning without or with limited Pastor participation, Louisville, Kentucky, Pasadena, California and Notre Dame de l'Esperance in France. (*see reprint*) Discussion followed.
- Susannah has also worked in the Sacramento Diocese where a model for Catholic schools that Diocese has been functioning very well.
- Some of these same models were discussed at previous St. Ignatius Strategic Planning meetings.
- Many changes in the Diocese and within the church requiring planning for the future very important; loss of lay ministers, closing of schools, closing of churches, retiring priests, low number of new priests, parish financial stability, etc.
- Planning for the future means having a structure in place.
- What church will look like after the Pandemic?
- St. Ignatius of Antioch Church and St. Anne's Parish in Byron may need to be the leaders of a moving forward model in East County.
- Pastoral Council will be discussing more on a Moving Forward Model in upcoming meetings.

Divine Renovation—Beyond the Parish – Steve Andreatta

- Steve gave a review of this second book on Devine Renovation.
- He suggested that once the Pandemic is behind us, the ALPHA Program should be instituted at St. Ignatius as a start to the moving forward process.
- It was suggested that a Project Manager is needed for the Moving Forward Model.

Health of the Parish

- Is the Parish holding together during the pandemic?
- Flocknotes has been very positive.
- Live streaming very important.
- Funerals, Sacraments, Hospital Visits still being provided by Father Robert.
- Pastoral Care via phone, text and email is going on.
- We are breaking even with financial support.

An article on what the Pastoral Council discussed during 2020 will be produced by Catherine and placed in the Sunday Bulletin or Father Robert's insert.

Congratulations to Bill Barbanica, his son is being sworn in tonight as a new Antioch City Council member.

Dave Nelson has accepted a position on the St. Ignatius Pastoral Council. Thank you Dave!

Calendar of Events

12/12/20 – Our Lady of Guadalupe

12/25/20 – Christmas 2020

1/1/2021 – News Years Day

Closing Prayer – Group facilitated by Susannah Nelson

Next Meeting – **January 12, 2021**

6:00 p.m.

Zoom

Opening Prayer -- Steve Andreatta

Closing Prayer -- Susannah Nelson