

Resurrection Parish Council Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2020

Attendance - All members present in person or via Zoom except Joyce Casey (excused absence) -Pastoral Staff all present

Faith Sharing included thoughts on the next Sunday's Gospel that spoke to the works of mercy. What emerged was "how do we show love?" and, we all need a wider view in how we live.

The meeting turned next to Shawn Beatty's presentation of the newly created Emmaus 2020 Brochure to be used to announce and share the work of the Strategic Planning committee and PPC over the last year.

Outlets for the Brochure will be the Parish website, social media, physical spaces in the church, the TV monitors, an email blast and a parish wide mailing. This wide distribution should ensure that the brochure reaches everyone. The brochure presented is clear and concise, featuring the four cornerstones of the Resurrection Strategic Plan and main bullets, followed by sub-bullets.

Fr. Dragga re-explained the meaning of Emmaus 2020 based on the Scripture passage, illustrated in one of Stations of the Resurrection in our worship space. The song "We Are Called" will be our official hymn for Emmaus, as we are called as a parish in so many ways to share our call, through clothing, food, service projects and community involvement. Shawn then projected the brochure for council review and approval. With a couple of decisions regarding photos to be used and some minor changes in font and color the mailer brochure was approved unanimously by Council. Council also extended heartfelt thanks to Shawn's dedication and creativity in the design. The PPC stated that it was clear, concise and everyone will "get it."

At the October 27 meeting regarding the Parish Center Futuring, it was reported that plan C to renovate our older structures and expand/increase space to the West at a cost of \$4.65 million was the most favored choice of the four proposals. A letter was sent to the Diocese to start the necessary approval steps for the project. Step one is to do a feasibility study and step 2 is to hire an architect. The Jack Kearns company out of Buffalo, NY will be doing the feasibility study. They are experienced and have worked with several parishes in Cleveland including St. Noel. They employ a multifaceted approach involving all aspects of financing our projected costs. This Parish Center Futuring was a project started over two years ago and with Covid-19 was further delayed. We need to get the conversation going again and Fr. Dragga, Terry Battaglia, Lisa Frey, and Julie Tragon will communicate project updates as appropriate through our bulletin each week. The initial update will be a report on the roof problems and the repairs needed. This update goes directly to transparency in communication.

Christmas Mass schedule was announced. There will be two 4 PM Masses (one at church and one at Lewis school) and a 6 PM with overflow in Trivison Hall. Also, a 10 PM vigil Mass. If there is a curfew, then the 10 PM Evening Mass will be moved to 8 PM. There will be a survey taken for anticipated attendance at each Mass through an email blast. A quick survey of Council came in at nine (9) total who are planning to attend in person.

It will also be announced that the Church will be beginning a program of live streaming Masses to personal devices in the parking lots. At the "Lamb of God" parishioners may come into the gathering area where a

Eucharistic minister will distribute Communion. Members then discussed technology and worship connectivity. Another suggestion will be for parishioners to attend Mass on the 26th or 27th of December, still Christmastime.

Fr. Dragga shared the attendance numbers on average 60-70 for indoor Masses, and 150-170 for outdoor Masses.

Some other items voiced:

Social distancing and the coat racks during cold weather.

Advent events, Taize, December 2 - the anniversary of the women martyrs of El Salvador, Santa Claus neighborhood drive by on December 6, Music in a sacred Space Concert on December 6th, a Christmas food basket distribution on December 19th.

December Communal Penance service with three separate rooms to be used.

Keith Miles reported the Nazuma family moved to Garfield Heights.

Lisa Frey spoke about the virtual Thanksgiving service with our Turkish group of friends last Sunday via Zoom and the covered-dish turkey dinner distributed at the parish center beforehand.

Over 170 food baskets expected for Thanksgiving and then again for Christmas. Lisa suggested donated hams as well as turkeys. 50% of families expressed a preference for ham. Also, laundry detergent is an added bonus for each family.

Julie Tragon had no new news.

Terry Battaglia reported the RTC group is going to do a service project at St. Aloysius on December 5-6.

Fr. Dragga stated the Healing Garden is ready to go, starting in December to be in place for the 50th anniversary celebration in June.

A question was asked if there is a way to verify that the email blasts are being received. Also, noted is that the parish App does not work on laptops.

Next meeting will be January 20, 2021 via Zoom only.

Holiday wishes to all!

Marianne Gotrich provided our Closing Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary