

January 16, 2022 Annual Parish Advisory Council Workshop

Present: Joyce Abeln, Father Roger Klassen OSB, Heidi Peternell, Tess Koltes, Julie Ortloff and Brian Posch. **Absent:** Dean Merdan and Greg Hansen

Prayer led by Joyce.

Listing of Goals for our parish (short and long-term)

- Music Ministry/hiring a Coordinator
- Purposefully inviting children and young families to masses (ministering to them)
- Re-connecting/Inviting back those who feel disaffiliated, wounded, judged, or left behind.
- Improving our Outdoor Masses
- Utilizing technology to reach more people (Zoom speakers)
- Updating our parish Roster/database
- Training and relying on Lay People
- Updating our parish website
- Providing Resources to parishioners
- Making updates to our building/facility
- Working to empower and train Laypeople and become independent due to clergy shortage.
- Preparing document for a Communion Service.
- Having a dedicated computer for Zoom meetings

1. Music Ministry Discussion

Opportunity to hire Kathy B. as an accompanist . Discussed areas of job she feels comfortable with. She could select music for herself and other volunteers, she will not be able to be with us on holidays or Holy Days and will not develop a choir. (Make recommendation to Finance C.) Utilize the Mass of Joy and Peace at ALL Masses.

Br. David K. is also available for 1-2 Sundays.

Karen Schellinger is our only volunteer Cantor, she is willing to sing 1/month.

Outdoor Masses and Music? portable keyboard? Recorded music?

2. Outdoor Masses/Stage/Platform Discussion

Julie will contact Greg H. to determine the status of previous order.

Brian P. has an alternative company which carries a similar product (quote).

Everyone agreed we have to have a platform installed by Easter—if a company cannot provide something similar to what we previously ordered, then we need to research building one.

Everyone agreed that the platform be listed as high priority.

3. Staying Connected (this topic seemed to cover multiple goals remaining)

Importance of continuing to reach out to those who are elderly/shut in/home-bound due to Covid:

- recording of Stations of the Cross
- Stations of the Cross booklets from Lit. Press
- Valentine cards to member 75+,

Other areas to connect:

- Easter Vigil Reception Bags
- Easter bags for children
- Welcoming those who attend Mass from the parking lot
- Including those worshipping from home or cars in our intercessions
- Reconciliation outside or include those who cannot attend inside
- Provide Lenten resources
- Lenten outreach to Catholic Charities Emergency Services
- Updating the parish roster and printing a contact information directory
- Communion Service documents
- Dedicated computer to broadcast speakers and meetings via Zoom

Lunch Break

January 16th St. John the Baptist Advisory Council Meeting:

Approval of the November meeting minutes 1. Tess, 2. Brian

Committee Reports: -Tess reported that the Faith Formation & Liturgy Committee will meet on February 17th. Faith Formation classes will resume on February 6th if Covid does not interfere. Faith Formation students will be writing Valentine greetings to parish members age 75+. A collection box for CRS will be designated and in the hallway. Rice Bowls will be distributed.

-Heidi reported that the Parish Life committee will provide refreshments at Lenten Reconciliation on April 9th 1:00 (possibly outside). Senior Citizen goodie bags will be distributed by Confirmation families in April.

-Joyce will reach out to the Social Justice committee requesting details about the Lenten Soup/Speakers.

-The Finance committee will meet on Thursday, January 20th.

Old Business:

ACC Council: Next meeting will be February 3rd at the Parish Center at 6:00pm. Heidi will order a meat and cheese tray.

SJB Advisory Council Bylaws and Constitution changes: Heidi provided a copy of proposed changes and will send it via email for everyone to review and make any necessary changes. This document and changes will be discussed at the next meeting, once consensus is reached the document can be approved and published in April.

New Business:

Music Director: Julie will write up a revised job description based on elements of the position that the candidate is willing to provide. Finance Council will determine pay, etc.

“Life is Messy” book: Discussion Tabled due to lack of time.

Updating Parish Database/Directory: A form reviewed and will be inserted into Year-End donation statements asking for updated information to be returned by February 1.

Covid changes/recommendations: Father Roger suggested that the Bishop will be sending some revised provisions based on increased Covid cases.

Future Council Members: Brian and Greg’s initial terms expire July 1, both will be asked if they are willing to serve an additional term or be replaced. Both have agreed to serve an additional term.

Vice Chairperson: A vice chairperson will need to be appointed at the next meeting. It would be wonderful if we had a volunteer. All four selected representatives are eligible to serve as Vice Chairperson.

Next meeting: February 17th at 7:00pm.

Adjournment: Heidi