

PPC Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2019

Attendees: Msgr. Dempsey, Chris Kelley, Jennifer Boldry, Jim Pink, Walt Falkowski, Mary Kelly, Krista Testwuide, Tom Condon

Absent: Heidi Christen, Mike Shapiro, Eliah Najjar

Opening Prayer: Jim

Approval of October Minutes: Approved

Pastor's Report (Monsignor):

- **Facilities:** New lighting system is complete in the main church. The system has been significantly simplified. There are six presets, but many other options are available if needed. Downspouts on the buildings that have holes have been replaced. Next project up is the phone system. This will be costly, but is desperately needed as the system has had challenges recently.
- The youth minister has resigned due to some personal issues. He will stay on until a replacement gets named. Currently searching for a candidate and have identified at least 3 prospects. The target would be to have on board by December.
- Holiday season has begun with the food drive, advent wreath and giving tree. Dawn has been recruiting children for Christmas concert. As in the last few years it will be a sing along and pizza party afterwards.
- Collections are stable but off from the budgeted amount. Our collections are 11.4% under budget. Our neighbor parishes are having a more difficult time with St Mary off 14.4% and Holy Cross is off 14.7%. St Joe's in Libertyville are off their numbers as well. St Mary of Vernon is paying off with saving which could be problematic in the future once all savings are used.

Renew My Church:

- The Archdiocese has recently announced a number of parish consolidations as part of the Renew My Church process. The consolidations in two groupings were not what the respective groupings had recommended, which has caused some consternation. The final decision rests ultimately with Cardinal Cupich.
- Some of the requirements set out by the Archdiocese are that parishes that have under 500 people attending mass on a weekly basis will not have a full-time priest. The priest will need to be shared with other parishes. Parishes with under 1000 attending will be reviewed as to

whether they will have a full level of services for the parish. Currently neither St Pat's nor Holy Cross meet this level. The attendance is based on the October attendance count.

- A summary of recently announced consolidations:
 - Hegewisch and Burnham: St. Columba, St. Florian and Mother of God will combine to form one parish with St. Florian to serve as parish church.
 - Lemont: St. Alphonsus and St. Patrick School will unite and will use St. Alphonsus facilities. St. James at Sag Bridge will become a mission of Ss. Cyril & Methodius. St. James will retain its historic identity.
 - Lincoln Square: St. Hilary and Transfiguration of our Lord will unite at the facilities at St. Hilary. Queen of Angels and St Matthias will unite into the Queen of Angels church.
 - Milwaukee Avenue: St. Cornelius, St. Tarcissus and St. Thecla will unite into a new parish at the St. Tarcissus campus. St. Thecla and Pope Francis Global Academy schools will be united into one school at St. Tarcissus.
 - East Little Village: Assumption B.V.M., Our Lady of Tepeyac and St. Roman will be united at the Our Lady of Tepeyac. The school at Our Lady of Tepeyac will not be impacted.

Old Business:

Status of database of parishioners' emails at St. Pat's

- Upgraded the system to the cloud-based version of PDS. This was necessitated because the current system was no longer going to be supported.
- Jennifer is being given a demo on the cloud-based system this week. Tom Condon will also look to join the demo.
- Next step will be to transition and train the staff. This will be a hard cut over.
- Need to determine if there is an impact with NCIOT. There is a service contract for that system.
- Once training and cut over complete will start evaluating the increased functionality of the cloud-based system as how it can be beneficial to the parishioners.

PPC Guidelines

- When developing the PPC Mission and Guideline need to start looking into the future as to how we want to move forward. Chris, Mary and Krista will develop some ideas.

New Business:

- **Transitioning Ministry** – December meeting.
- **Security of Parish in Emergency Events** – December meeting. Need to define different emergency situations. What do you do with the kids in the parish center?

- **Annual Dinner w/ St Mary & Holy Cross** – Look for a May date to host St. Mary and Holy Cross. Mary to coordinate.
- **Note:** Hospitality Sunday for PPC is March 15, 2020.

Suggestion Box – None

Up Coming Meeting Schedule	Opening Prayer	Closing Prayer
December 9, 2019	Heidi	Mike S.
January 13, 2020	Chris	Tom C.
February 10, 2020	Walt	Walt
March 16, 2020	Krista	Mike S.
April 20, 2020	Chris	Mary
May 11, 2020	Jennifer	Heidi C.
June 8, 2020	Jim	Volunteer Needed
July 2020 – No Meeting		
August 2020 – No Meeting		

All meetings to begin at 7 pm and are held in the Community Room

Closing Prayer: Eliah

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Pink