

Minutes from Pastoral Council Meetings

11/10/20: First meeting of 2020-2021 via Zoom

New members: Claudia Cabrera, Heather Gernheim, Stephanie Riccobene, Judy Slivka & Melissa Smith-Morales
Lou Keim ably led the traditional discernment process for change of Council leadership:

Chairperson: Patrick Cleary-Burns; Vice-Chairperson: Judy Slivka; Secretary: Judy Stowe

12/15/20: next meeting via Zoom

Education & Enrichment: Kevin Burke presented an excellent tutorial on navigating Google Drive

Discussion/Updates:

The Ministry of Care internal & outreach communication efforts

Progress of the Mother Teresa Ministry and call for council/parishioner volunteers

Future Council meetings will be on 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM

Administrator's Report from Fr. Gurnick:

Phase I of the diocese's Human Resource Study is complete; Phase II is in progress

Consideration of staff participation in Council meetings

Infrastructure issues post-COVID

Formation of new ministries to foster community sense of parish & healing

1/5/21: next meeting via Zoom

Major Introductory Discussion: Our Parish/Council pre/post-COVID produced thought-provoking insights:

Letting go of the past--instead focusing on our parish in the here and now & for the future

Looking at systemic racism + LGBTQ issues

Offering in-person as well as Zoom participation

Increasing attractive programming to draw new participants

Considering post-pandemic mass schedule

Discussion/Updates:

A summary of council minutes will be in the Bulletin

Deacon Leo, John Paul & Heather joined the Mother Teresa Ministry

All members will choose a ministry & provide liaison with Council

Work will begin streamlining the Website and improving continuity of communication

Except for ad hoc emergencies, Council will not meet in July & December

Administrator's report from Fr. Gurnick:

Building & Grounds:

Boiler: replaced, being calibrated, to be inspected; *Hot water tanks*: valves to be tagged;

Church toilets: address tree roots clogging pipes; *North church steps*: deterioration addressed;

canopy ordered; restricted access possible; *Convent*: Stella Maris has remodeling permits

Malachi Run: City permits and decision on dates are pending; considering virtual race

Back Door: Hot meals in clamshells being served at the door; volunteers have increased

Parking: Will be lost in future; talks to begin soon

Important spiritual issues: What are we offering new folks? Where is the centrality of the Mass—the Eucharist.