

St. John the Evangelist Church
Special Parish Advisory Council

March 24, 2020

Minutes of Virtual meeting via ZOOM

Attendance: Fr. Pierz, Fr. Barrent Pease, Deacon Dave Picard, Dale Marie Breault, Mikie Cook, Judy Cross, Gary Lawrence, Jim Perkins, Caire Riberdy, Julie Smist, Debbie Whitehead

Guests: Andreanna Perkins, operations Manager and Sandy Ross, Parish Secretary (for Sarah Ross)

Judy Cross, Chair called the meeting to order @ 7:15 pm.

Fr. Pierz offered the opening prayer.

General Business

Purpose of the meeting is to discuss how to transfer our spiritual and pastoral ministries from “in person” and “in facility” to on-line. We have a 3-point plan:

1. Have a coordinated resources site where for a list of all activities.
2. How are we going to do it – need a procedure to post content to the site.
3. Need to produce the content for the site.

Fr. Pierz comments: We are meeting as involved parishioners; the life of the parish continues; our usual ways to be in community are hindered. How do we make people aware of what is happening in the parish?

Deacon Dave and the Office staff with a few volunteers have been doing the phone calls – we are only up to the “Cs” - need more people to call. Suggestion was made to have more hours, perhaps into the evening, so more could volunteer. Can extend the hours to 9:00 am to 7:00 pm – Office staff can make the arrangements. We have five

phone lines available and a script for people to use. Have three purposes – to update the Parish Census, see how our people are doing, let them know what we are doing. The initial phone call has to come from St. John's Office – later contact can be from people's homes.

Gary has created a resources page on the Web site, easy to access from the home page and all the appropriate links will be there (for example, link to the Facebook page for live streaming of events). Can also link to our YouTube page, can post videos (Stations of the Cross, Adoration, etc.)

We need to get the word out – asking PAC to suggest ideas for communication. Mass is celebrated daily @ 3:00 pm (live streamed on FB) and Sunday @ 10:30 am. Send ("snail" mail) a letter to all? (costly), email? (only have that email addresses for a few parishioners). Once content is created, it goes to Fr. Pierz for approval and to the media committee (sje.mediagroup@gmail.com)

Have been doing Adoration (weather permitting) outside weekdays 3:00 – 7:00 pm and Sundays (12:00 – 7:00 pm) and there have been a few people coming by. It was the consensus of the Council to continue Adoration – shorten the time to 2 hours per day and have the times consistent. This way the two priests and Deacon could cover all the hours. People would stay in their cars.

What about Confessions under the tent? Priests will work out a schedule – perhaps one of the Adoration hours? Using the Center Foyer for privacy and staying out of the elements?

Fr. Pierz commented that we have hundreds of bulletins that are not date specific and focus on prayer – how can we get them out to the parishioners? Father asked all of the PAC members to individually send emails to the members of the ministries – he would create the content of the message. All agreed to do so.

Ideas from the Commissions

Mikie Cook – had a virtual ZOOM meeting with the RCIA group on Monday night @ 6:30 p, and it went well – will continue to meet that way as long as necessary. She is considering doing a Bible Study, perhaps using FORMED and the Lectio prayer ~ 30 minutes participants would have a ZOOM group discussion

Julie suggested setting up ZOOM rosary daily – like we had before the morning mass. Dr. Pierz said that they were working on a St. John’s Rosary of all the mysteries – looking for volunteers to tape one decade of the Rosary which the media committee would film and then splice it together for viewing on the web site and You Tube channel. They have an on-line sign up FB page. He also suggested reaching out to the Spiritual Life Commission and the Knights, who have also done “live” rosaries.

Fr. Pierz expressed concern about the loss of collection revenues, need to make people aware of our situation, we still have expenses and need their contributions. We need to encourage people to do on-line giving or mail/drop off envelopes at the office. Dale Marie offered to prepare a flyer to give to parishioners about donating money from retirement plans to St. John’s. Judy added to remind people that they can still drop off food gift cards at the Office.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Smist,

Secretary

