

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting
Minutes August 13 2020**

Present: Lisa DiCamillo, Janice Wurst, Steve Gayari, Pat Sampson, Anne Wrubel, Mary Jane Voelker, Fr. Rob Pare`

Observing: Beth Connors

Excused: John Connor

Prayer: Fr. Rob

Approval: Minutes for January 16 2020

1. During Pandemic shut down (March – May) Pastoral Council, Finance Council and Lay Ministers called parishioners to see how they were fairing, and if they were in need of assistance, just to chat. Well received. Discovered 45 parishioners with outdated contacted information. Mailed letters to these parishioners to update their information.
2. Agreed to move forward with newsletter suggestion from January meeting

Review: Notes from March 12 2020 & June 18 2020 (Discussion Notes for Bishop Gruss)

Discussion:

- Reviewed Mass at St Felix on August 15 discussion of how to invite and care for the “lost”
1. **Information: - St Francis Borgia**
 - Elevator to be replaced – paid for by donation
 - New Bells installed (completed August 20 2020) paid for by donation
 - New flooring at side entrance. (flooring tested for asbestos – none found) Installation by Empire scheduled for September 4 2020.
 - Book rack by side entrance to be installed by parishioner.
 - Sacristy Leak – damaged by raccoons. Repaired by Marlette Roofing. Ceiling to be repaired by Dave Beltz. Randy Swartzendruber trimmed tree to prevent further damage.
 - Main Fire Door locks seem to be stripped (repaired by Locksmith August 13)
 - Tree on neighboring property needs to be removed. Have tried to speak to neighbor but no response. We will make enquiries at the village hall. (Tree came down on power lines on Sunday August 16 2020)(?)

2. Information: - St Roch

- 25 ft. Cross received from St Hedwig Church, Bay City. Made a donation of \$500 to Corpus Christi Parish. Delivery was free. Walked around the parish grounds to decide on its placement – possibly on the grass in front of the trees and pond, facing the main entrance to the parking lot.
 - Baptismal Font in St Roch church received from St Hedwig Church, Bay City. Made a donation of \$500 to Corpus Christi Parish. Electrical hook up and plumbing done by volunteers. Structural engineers to look at the back wall to see if it can be partially removed.
 - Empire flooring contracted to replace flooring around Baptismal Font at St Roch. September 4 2020
 - Conversion of sacristy sink to a Sacramentarium at St Roch. Problems with a Cement floor (now installed).
3. **Annual Financial Statement 2019-2020:** – Reviewed and to be mailed out to all registered parishioners.
4. **RCIA:** to be held in the parish beginning in October if we have anyone signed up.
5. **Faith Formation:** - First Communion and Confirmation held in the Parish on Thursday August 6 2020. Children completed preparation at home with parents. Formulating plans for next year.
6. **Reviewed Parish Count:** We are counting the number of parishioners attending each Mass. Numbers are definitely down since the pandemic and collection is down but many parishioners are mailing in their contributions.
7. **Parish Website:** We have reformatted the parish website in an attempt to make it more user friendly. The office staff would appreciate any feedback.

Pastoral Input:

CSA has been renamed Christ's Mission Appeal (CMA) by the Bishop. The appeal has been delayed by the COVID-19 Pandemic and will be initiated October 17/18 or October 24/25. Also because of the pandemic this year's appeal will be carried out by the Diocese. All pledge cards will be mailed directly to parishioners and donations/pledges will be returned directly to the Diocese. All messaging will be live streamed or virtual from the Bishop/Diocese.

Next Pastoral Council Meeting date: October 15th 2020 at 5:00 PM

Meeting Concluded – 7:38 PM

Closing Prayer: Lisa DiCamillo