**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**

**February 9, 2021**

**Zoom Meeting**

**Attendees:** Doug Otto, Brad Shimmens, Terri Haake, Diane Struemph, Fr. Jeremy Secrist, Julie Morff, Gayle Trachsel, Andy Rackers, Deacon Enrique Castro, Kathleen Lavery

**Absent:** Jeff Luebbert, Michelle Truesdale

**Opening Prayer:** Fr Secrist opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Old Business:**

**Update on Parish Pictorial Directory** – Have received pictures taken in 2019 (494). The bishop’s photographer (Travis Duncan photography) has offered to match Lifetouch’s pricing on individual photographs and retake photos for free. He cannot produce a directory. The Parish or individual must purchase. Could cost as much as $5-$12K for a directory. We can use existing photos from 2019. Directory would be approximately 100 pages. Previous versions had addresses, and various photographs. Do we want to print what we currently have or move forward with the new photographer? Given those option to have photo retaken, new photos could be done in a 6 week period. Kathleen could do layout. Addresses likely not necessary (address directory already completed). Life touch went out of business. We can set him up in the hospitality room similar to last time. **OPTION – use current pictures with people having the option to contact Kathleen to see current photo and make determination for getting an individual new photo. Parish would cover the cost for the photo directory. DECISION - Move forward with 2019 photos to get directory out.**

**St. Peter School Updates** – Parent Teacher conferences by phone next week. School enrollment number is 489 currently for this school year.

**Pastor’s Report:**

**Update on church/Selinger/school roof** – Update on Church/Selinger/School Roof – Installing guttering, tower louvers, tear off and installation of slate on the church. Multiple crews running.

**Update on status of inside church RESTORATION** – parish discussions have been minimal. Bishop will be supply substantial amount for restoration but has not committed to all funding. Father has had parishioners approach him about assisting with funding. Project is still potential, not guaranteed.

**175th anniversary of the parish**  - Time frame for celebration. 10th of August is statehood day. 12th of August (Thursday) date current church was dedicated. Maybe look at pushing it to Friday afternoon or Saturday afternoon (13th and 14th). Possibly block off Broadway. Brad will form a committee.

**COVID 19 update for church/school** – maintaining current protocols through end of school year. Phase III of teacher vaccinations. Could be end of April until governor opens up this phase. Trying to find a way around to get teachers vaccinated. Mask recommendation will extend at least for another 18 months. Being vaccinated does not change any other protocols.

**Mass attendance** - Increasing

**Lent/Ash Wednesday** – Ash will not be applied to foreheads but rather sprinkling ashes on top of heads. Stations every Friday at 2:30. Deacons will lead stations at 7

**Commission and Committee Reports**

* + **Finance Committee** – Doing well with budget.
  + **Parish Property Committee** – Jeff unable to attend (internet issues). No update. Our cross restoration is coming along. Should receive back in the middle of March. Bishop will bless before being reinstalled. East parapet stone walls cannot be done due to weather.

**New Business:**

**School Updates – Gayle** – Working on 2021-2022 budget. Looking to hire a school nurse. EANS money through federal government to DESE then applied for by school. Just for private schools. Completing application at this time. Could be considerable. Allowing school to provide equipment to teachers

**Staff bonuses** - $1.4 million donation

**Hispanic Ministry Updates – Deacon Castro** – Continue to hold masses with an increase in attendance. New diocesan pastoral plan has been promulgated. Should come out in the next catholic Missourian.

**PSR updates – Terri**

* + - PSR weekly email to parents – describing what kids are learning each week to help foster communication between parents and kids.
    - Touching safety video will be shown to PSR students – Safety video. Teaches touching and internet safety.

**Confirmation updates – Terri** – 3 dates in April 13th, 21st, 29th. Confirmation outside of mass. 3 masses due to large amount of candidates this year (7th-12th grade).

**Comments for the Good of the Paris**h – Kathleen has been working on the website. Reaching 14k per month on Facebook. Mass reaching 500-1200 in livestream between Facebook and YouTube. Working on 175th anniversary video.

**Next Meeting Date**: -- April 6, 2021 at 6 pm (location to be determined)

**Closing prayer/adjournment**: Fr Secrist closed with a prayer. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Next meeting date**:** October 13, 2020 at 6:00 pm in Selinger Hospitality Room

Fr. Secrist led the council in the closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.