



ST. PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – January 11, 2021

Elected Members Present: Christine Forbes, Patricia Davies, Pam Vogt, Deborah Harrison, Peter Adams, Rosa Gonzalez and Ross Terranova

Elected Members Absent: Kevin Green

Ex-Officio Members Present: Fr. Sean Harlow, O.Carm., Deacon Carl Locatelli and Deacon Michael McCabe

Recording Secretary: Deborah Botti

Ex-Officio Members Absent:

Others Present: Liz Locatelli

The meeting began with prayer at 6:49 p.m.

Minutes of the meeting of December 14 were accepted.

Reopening Committee Updates

- We will be live-streaming the Saturday Masses, except when there is a glitch because there is no trained volunteer available. Both the website and bulletin have made known the need for volunteers; however, no one has contacted the office yet.
- Can we get by with fewer ushers? Discussion ensued about combining positions 1 and 2 – the greeter outside and the greeter in the vestibule with the counter. In the cold weather, is someone really needed to stand outside? Additionally, because parishioners have acclimated to the new procedures, are two volunteers on each side of the church for Communion necessary?
 - The schedule will reflect one less volunteer.
 - The instructions for volunteers will be updated.
- The air purification system should be installed shortly. The air will be circulated, passing through enhanced UV light. The “photohydroionization technology” reduces airborne bacteria, viruses, mold, etc.
- The Reopening Committee continues to work on the survey response.

- The Reopening Committee was dismissed at 7:05 p.m.

Administration & Stewardship

Nothing to report.

Education & Faith Formation

Confirmation has been rescheduled to 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 30, at Mount Carmel. Could we consider live-streaming the event? Mount Carmel has a permanent system, with which Fr. Anthony is adept. Alternatively, we could bring our equipment.

Christian Services

The Food Bank did provide a few items for the Holiday Baskets. However, the Food Pantry team will make an effort to use it more frequently as there are many free and low-cost items available, and the numbers of those using our pantry are up.

Social Activities

Nothing to report.

Worship & Spiritual Life

- A family from Our Lady of the Assumption joined our Youth Ministry following a conversation with Deb Harrison about the lack of things for youth at OLA. She was very pleased with the virtual meeting and indicated she would mention it to others.
- Jessica Carpino, the Religious Education coordinator, asked Chris Worthington and Deb Harrison to facilitate the Confirmation Retreat again this year.

Arts & Entertainment

Nice job on the Christmas decorations.

Other Business

- January is the month in which a Parish Council chairperson is elected. It was decided by acclamation and voice vote that Christine Forbes continue as chair for another year, which she graciously accepted.
- Liaisons and ministries were discussed.
 - Administration & Stewardship: Fr. Sean; short Tom Mulroy, who resigned.
 - Religious Education: Ross Terranova and Peter Adams

- Christian Services: Pam Vogt is the coordinator and as such can easily report on what is happening. This is not in conflict with the Constitution.
 - Art & Environment: Easter decorations will be handled by Team Botti. However, thereafter a coordinator will need to be found.
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- A Ministry Fair might be required in order to recalibrate post-COVID-19.
 - A copy of the Constitution will be distributed for formal approval of any changes.
 - We need to continue to remain vigilant. There has been a positive case of COVID-19 at Mount Carmel and earlier this month at St. Stephen's in Warwick.

The meeting closed at 7:32 p.m. with prayer.

Next Parish Council meeting will be Monday, February 8, at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Deborah Botti