



ST. PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – July 12, 2021

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

Elected Members Absent: Ross Terranova, Kevin Green and Rosa Gonzalez

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

Recording Secretary: Deborah Botti

Ex-Officio Members Absent: None

Others Present: None

The meeting began with prayer at 6:48 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting of June 14, 2021, were accepted.

There were no Reopening Committee updates

Administration & Stewardship

- One bid has been received to repair and redo the main doors to the church. A second estimate is anticipated. However, that one probably won't be much less expensive. Metal doors might be the option to consider.
- The entire church building will be closed for deep cleaning from Monday, July 26, to Friday, July 30.

Education & Faith Formation

To accommodate the cleaning, the re-registration dates for Religious Education have been changed from July 27 and 28 to August 3 and 4.

Christian Services

- In follow-up to her presentation last week, Julie Laurenzi continues to develop the new Consolation Ministry. The Consolation Ministry, which will reach out to the bereaved, dovetails nicely with its sister ministry, the Call Ministry discussed last month that will reach out to those who are ill. Meetings/orientations are planned for

August - as both these ministries are a go from a Parish Council perspective.

- A “feeler” email was sent out to ascertain which volunteers would be interested in assisting at the Senior Luncheons if it was possible, COVID-wise, for this activity to return in the fall. Only half of the regular volunteers – 10 out of 20 – responded in the affirmative. And many of those didn’t show up half the time previously. It seems the luncheon might have run its course to allow our core group of volunteers to become involved in the new ministries.

Social Activities

Rick Dzurilla had nothing to report regarding a potential picnic in the fall. He’ll contact his liaison via text or email if there is something concrete to report in August.

Worship & Spiritual Life

- Music and lectors are back in action, and the feedback is positive.
- The Youth Ministry’s first in-person meeting – finally! – was last Friday and attracted 15 members who enjoyed powering off for parking lot games. Unfortunately, the ice cream truck broke down so its appearance had to be rescheduled for this coming Wednesday. Dozens of flavors of ice cream and Italian ices will be available for \$3 each, and 50 cents for each topping. Families are welcome, and folks are being asked to RSVP.

Art and Environment

A notice in the bulletin and posting on the website will be done to ramp up the search for a coordinator.

Chairperson’s Report – Christine Forbes

- Fund-raising was discussed, and it was decided that it is too soon to bring that back. It was suggested that a list be drawn to prioritize what ministries and activities should be restarted so as not to overwhelm or burn out the volunteers. There are still a limited number of people who have returned to church, so there isn’t a big pool from which to draw. That list will be discussed next month.
- Parish Council meetings will continue to take place via Zoom for now.
- It’s time to start thinking about Parish Council elections. There will definitely be two spots to fill. In canvassing potential Parish Council members, there needs to be clarity regarding the requirements. Recruitment typically starts in late summer. Nomination forms are collected in September so the nominees can be contacted and bios prepared for those who accept. The elections have been in mid-October.
 - Given the sparse attendance, should a digital format be considered? But even that doesn’t guarantee participation.
 - Another option is to delay the election until November, the weekend before Thanksgiving. A Constitutional amendment might be required for the flexibility to hold

elections in either October or November. That will be researched for the next meeting, at which time a decision will be made.

- There was one person who objected to having to wear a mask in the hall. He did go into the church. An appropriate sign will be posted on the door to the hall.

Vicar's Report – Fr. Sean

The Reopening Committee needs to meet to discuss the return to two Masses on Sundays. We would get a higher attendance because some people don't like the 10 o'clock Mass. It wouldn't be before September. However, once the decision is made and should attendance still be sparse, how do you go back?

The meeting closed at 7:25 p.m. with prayer.

Next Parish Council meeting will be Monday, August 9, at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Deborah Botti