**Minutes from Pastoral Council Meeting**

**October 19, 2020**

**Present:** **Fr, Cyrus (Pastor), Bill Konlers, (Deacon), via Zoom Joe Malaterra (Parish Council Chair), Thomas Devine, Mori Han-Lemus, Michelle Harding, Michelle Hopson, John LoRusso, Michael O’Loughlin, Catherine Romano**

**Absent: Juany Fumai, Gracemary Avitabile, Bill MacNamara, Tony Buono, and (Frank Matto asked to resign from the council.)**

**-** Joe Malaterra: opened the meeting.

**-** Fr. Cyrus**:** lead us in prayer.

**-** The minutes from the November meeting were accepted

**-** The Ministry reports for this meeting, were presented and noted. Some of the ministries due to Covid 19 are inactive. Lectors can resume on November 1st. Social Concerns, Knights of Columbus, Book Group and Mary’s Mantle Shawl Ministry are now meeting in person in McGrath Hall.

**-** Fr. Cyrus spoke about Phase 3 for the parish. We now can now have 75% capacity open. All CDC guidelines remain in place. The church has been redesigned, to accommodate this part of phase 3 reopening. All windows in the church will be open during mass, to allow for fresh air ventilation. All doors will be designated for entrance and exit only.

**-** Cathy Romano presented information about our Christmas Festival. Due to the virus, we are unable to hold our annual Christmas Fair this year. Once again, we will have our second blessing of the crèche and tree lighting outside on December 13, 2020 after the 4:30pm Mass. We will also have a local food truck, that will be serving: Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Tomato Soup, and Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Hot Chocolate, and Dessert(s). Outdoor heaters have been reserved, which we will be put around the front parking, to help ease the effects of the cold weather. We will continue to ask for sponsors, to help with offsetting the costs like we have done during past Christmas Fairs.

**-** Fr. Cyrus said the Christmas Mass schedule will be as follows: Christmas Eve - Two Masses at 4:00 pm, one will be in the church. One will be in the gym. The 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm, and 11:00 pm evening masses, will be in the church. On Christmas Day Morning, the 8:00 am, 10:00 am, and 12:00 pm noon masses, will all be held in the church.

**-** Michael O’Loughlin of the Finance Council, said: **“The parish is doing well financially, during the pandemic.”** On line giving was also discussed. In today’s world of technology and with Covid 19, it’s very important to factor in and implement an offertory via online.

**-** John LoRusso stated: **“ Most of the ushers are still not comfortable, with the passing of the basket during live masses”.** Therefore, the collection basket will continue to be located in the center aisle.

**-** Social Concerns will be collecting “Gifts of Plenty”, outside of the church on October 25, 2020 after all masses. Their next project will be Advent Angels, which will be mailed out to parishioners this year.

**-** Michelle Hopson spoke on “**Walking with Purpose”.** There are ten women who meet every week via Zoom and are enjoying it very much-.

**-** Tom Bonaventura spoke about the parish survey and said we would end it on November 1. Joe Malaterra, will speak at the 9:00 am and 11:00 am live masses, on Sunday October 25th. He will speak to the parish, about the importance of filling out the survey and how the survey will be helpful, in discerning the needs of the parish. At our next meeting, Tom will give us the results and begin implementing some of the initiatives from the survey.

**-** Fr. Cyrus and John LoRusso both spoke about the renovation of McGrath Hall. New lighting, bathrooms upgraded, painting, and new flooring will all be installed; as soon as all of the bids come in. Father also said we will have air scrubbers for the church during the winter to comply with ventilation according to the CDC guidelines.

**-** Joe adjourned the meeting and Father Cyrus ended with a prayer.

**-** Next Parish Council Meeting, will be held on **December 7, 2020 at 7:00 pm. (Either In person or on Zoom.)**

Respectively submitted,

Cathy Romano

Pastoral Council Secretary