**Minutes from Pastoral Council Meeting**

**April 26, 2021**

Present: in person Fr, Cyrus (Pastor) John LoRusso, Michael O’Loughlin, Cathy Romano, via Zoom Michelle Harding, Michelle Hopson, Juany Fumai, Gracemary Avitabile

 Absent: Bill Konlers, (Deacon), Bill Macnamara, Joe Malaterra, Thomas Devine, Mori Han-Lemus, Tom Bonaventura**.**

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

**-** The minutes from the February meeting were accepted by Michele Harding and seconded by Michael O’Loughlin

**- Fr. Cyrus:**  spoke about the renovation of McGrath Hall. It’s now in the beginning stages and preparations are being made to clean out closets, food pantry, and to remove all of the pictures on walls. Also, the gutters on the church have been replaced and exposed wood has been painted. Money for these projects came from the five-year Capital Campaign reimbursement(s).

**- Fr. Cyrus:** stated that he is looking into interior doors for the vestibule of the church, which will help with heating loss and noise from the street.

**- Fr. Cyrus:** spoke of the 150yr anniversary of the church. We will have three major events leading up to the 150th anniversary. Possible ideas: a charity event, such as working with Habitat for Humanity, planning a trip to the Holy Land with parishioners, and an end to the celebrations, culminating with a parish festival/gala. This is all still however, in the planning stage.

**- Fr. Cyrus:** stated that we will reinstate Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers, Altar Servers, and Money Counters, for all masses shortly. We have already reinstated the Readers. Due to the virus, we will not be reinstating communion from the cup. Mass times will be changed back to 5:00 pm on Saturday evening. The 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm, and 5:00 pm on Sundays. **These times will be effective, beginning the first weekend in June.**

**- Fr. Cyrus:** Mother’s Day on May 9th, will be celebrated with a blessing at all Masses and a rose will be given to moms by the Parish Knights of Columbus. Also, celebrated at the 9:00 am Mass, will be the May Crowning. Coffee will be served after the Mass. Father’s Day on June 20th, will also be celebrated with a blessing at all Masses for all dads, with coffee served after the 9:00 am Mass.

**- Fr. Cyrus:** On June 11th at 7:00 pm, our Bishop has invited all parishes to hold a Vesper service to remember all those who have died from Covid 19 virus.

**- Fr. Cyrus:** There will be a parish BBQ on August 15th, directly after the 5:00 pm Mass. It is in the planning stages at this time. More news to follow.

**- Fr. Cyrus:** Father also reported on replacements/retirements within the parish. Deacon Bill will be leaving us and moving to Philadelphia and Dennis Stypinsky is no longer employed here at Assumption. A new cleaning service has been hired.

**- Cathy Romano:** reported on Religious Education. The year was very different from previous years, in that students were “home schooled” using a digital program. There were also students who attended in person. The attendance was sporadic in some grades, but for the most part it went well. We will be starting registration for the 2021/2022 formation year in May and continuing to the end of June.

First reconciliation has been completed and First Eucharist will be celebrated on May 8th at 9am and 11am Masses. Confirmation will be celebrated on May 16, at the 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm mass services.

**- Fr. Cyrus:** In Bill Macnamara’s absence, Cathy Romano and Michele Harding reported on the Festival of Tables International Tasting Event. On May 15th.. The Knights will be selling tickets after all Masses in the coming weeks. Parishioners have volunteered to represent a table from the country of their choice. To date, we have thirteen countries represented.

**- Michael O’Loughlin**: reported that the finances of the parish are in good shape. The council is also looking into establishing a long term investment model that will better suit the parish.

**- Fr. Cyrus:** adjourned the meeting with a closing prayer. This meeting concluded all of the parish council meetings for the 2020/2021 calendar year. The schedule for the 2021/2022 parish council meetings, will be coming out in Spring/Summer 2021.

Respectively submitted,

Cathy Romano

Pastoral Council Secretary