

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church
Parish Pastoral Council Minutes
June 28, 2020
Meeting by both ZOOM & In Person
Approved

Present In Person: Morgan Murray, Dee Dailey, Fr. Richard Meredith, Hilda Gonzalez, and Libby Downs.

Present by Zoom: Stephanie Blankenberger, Lana Bastin and Fran Marko.

Absent: Fr. Michael Charles Abiero, Robert Tyree, and Jan Buckner.

Morgan Murray called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Prayer: Morgan led the members in the Parish Prayer.

Scripture: **Next Month:** Lana Bastin

Formation: Fr. Richard Meredith **Next Month:** Hilda Gonzalez

The May, 2020 minutes were approved with Dee making the motion and Hilda seconding. All voted in favor.

Ongoing Business:

Parish Reopening Fr. Richard Meredith

- Parish reopened following the Governor and Diocese guidelines on May 20th, 2020. Sanitizing and disinfecting after each Mass and social distancing per guidelines.
- Sacraments: Holy Communion is still on hold; Confirmation with the Bishop set for August 5th at the 5:30 Mass; Baptisms occurring in the Narthex with a limit of 10 persons.
- Adoration has restarted on June 27th after the 8:00 am Mass.

Financial Update: Fr. Richard

- PPP loan/grant approved for \$215,218. Currently a loan but being converted to a grant and the Diocese is working to assist with that.
- All Diocesan bills are current except the Assessment of \$38,355 which is due by 6/30/2020.
- Budget need is still greater than contributions. There are 50 -60 families that continue to give their usual contribution.
- The #1 geothermal unit in the church is being replaced by Durham Heating and Cooling with anticipated completion by July.
- VOIP telephone system is in process to connect the phones for Rectory, Annex, Church and Parish Center.
- Video Capabilities being upgraded to include: implementation of live video recording of Mass via camera above the Bishops Room round window instead of iPad and "Virtual Bulletin Board" in the Narthex.

Capital Campaign: Fr. Richard

- Nothing new to report.

Stained Glass: Fr. Richard

- Next meeting scheduled for August 3rd.
- The East wing six clerestory windows continue to progress and will be the next windows to be installed.
- There are 4 Narthex windows (St. Bartholomew, St. Simon, St Phillip, and St. Mathias) and 13 clerestory windows that remain unpurchased.

Parish Events and Fundraising: Libby Downs

- As of July 1, 2020 events can have 50 people so First Communion and RCIA plans will move forward.
- Confirmation is set for August 5th.

School: Stephanie Blankenberger

- Primary Center restroom upgrade project has been put on hold until next year.
- Bus Driver needed for 2 afternoons per week
- New guidelines for next school year received from the Diocese this past week.
- Registration is in process and virtual tour of the school is utilized. Currently have 82 students enrolled.
- New Kindergarten teacher has been hired – Katy Roberts.

Liaison Reports:

Hispanic: Fr. Richard

The Guadalupe Committee met June 25th to discuss what would be guidelines for fund raising and celebration for Our Lady of Guadalupe in December.

Administration : Lana Bastin

- Thrift Store is still closed at this time but working on reopening.
- Nothing to report from Tom Buehrle or Steve Kinnard.
- Brenda Chaudoin to send financial report to Lana monthly.

Spiritual Life: Morgan Murray

- Adoration has resumed with 9 hours available and prayer partners requested for 2 additional hours. Process for sanitizing and adoration emailed to all adorers.
- A Grand Ultreya set for July 12th @ Christ the King Church in Madisonville.
- Rosary makers will start meeting and continue to make rosaries.
- Prayer shawls continue to be made.
- Parish Mission and Cursillo continue to be paused at this time.

Family Life: Jan Buckner

- No report all groups are still on lockdown.

Worship: Dee Dailey

- One wedding still being planned for July 25th and August 15th.
- Linen committee doing ok...
- Altar Society has assisted with cleaning the church.
- Rosary being said on July 4th after 8 am Mass and dedication of Maintenance Building 7/12 after 8:00 am Mass.
- Holy Hour Sunday @ 4pm by Video.

Social Concerns: Hilda Linares Gonzalez

- Jail ministry not in person at this time but continue to mail materials as requested.
- Card Ministry mailed out 120 cards for July. Two special birthdays for parishioners – information in the Bulletin.
- YMCA thank you for donations in the Bulletin.
- Knights of Columbus – all events on hold.
- Meals being provided for one parishioner.
- Pro Life involved in July 31 event for all of Christian county.

Education: No Report

Old Business:

Diocesan Evangelization/Discipleship update –

- Nothing new to report.
- There are 2 remaining sessions in July on the 8th and the 15th by Zoom.

Parish Picnic/Fall Festival Survey Update

- There were 26 responses with 18 yes, 4 no and 4 Maybe.
- Eight people said they would be willing to help.
- Concern was that this was the first weekend of fall break.
- Results forwarded to Tom O’Hagan.

PPC Nominations and New Member Terms

- The request for nominations would be presented for 3 weekends – August 22-23, 29, 30 and September 5-6.
- The drawing would take place at a Mass on the following weekend – September 12-13.
- The Term would begin October 1st.
- Discussion regarding changing the term permanently to October 1st would require a change of the Bylaws.
- The new appointees would have their term shortened by a couple of months since they will start later as a result of the COVID 19 limitations.
- Morgan Murray and Hilda Gonzalez will complete their terms in September.

New Business:

Fr. Michael Charles is still unable to return from Kenya. He has sent an email to Fr Richard which is attached to this report.

Pastor’s comments:

None

Closing Prayer: Fr. Richard ended the meeting with a prayer at 6:40 pm

Next meeting is **July 26, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. location to be determined.**

Next Executive meeting **TBD.**

Respectfully submitted by Fran Marko.

And here is Fr. Michael Charles' text:

Hello  Padre!

I am glad to hear from you as always! Yes everyone is waiting eagerly to hear what the president will say on the 6th of July, whether he opens lifts up the cessation or movement and the curfew and Open the economy or not! He has been promising people that he wants to open the economy by starting within the country which means if he does, then only domestic flights will start operation. So with domestic flights starting their services, there is a light at the end of the tunnel for those who have been stuck here like me that within the same month of July or early August, he will declare the operation of international flights free! There is no direct telling when the president will allow the international flights to start moving out and in Kenya κε! But I am optimistic that once the domestic flights their operation, it won't be long before he allows the international ones to be on the move padre! He said he will be opening the economy bit by bit according to the preparedness of various counties on how their can handled the Covid-19 pandemic in

case it escalate! Personally, I am prepared to take off with the first flight  on the move! I even

went to another Covid -19 test just to be ready In case the international flights  Start operating next month! I am yet to collect my certificate for Covid -19 test on Tuesday 30th 2020! In another words, I will be flying out as soon as the president of Kenya κε allows the operation of international flights which he has not yet decided when! What is said the domestic ones might start operation by 07/15/2020 and

this will be the bench mark of the international flights  operation to start. If you are planning your vacation which I know is always in July, I would request you kindly to hold on a bit so that we can see

what the president will say more so on the flight  movement since that is that only way I will be able to come back to the USA us! I am very hopeful that if not the end of July then early August the international flights shall have started their operation since many are stucked here in Kenya κε and more so the economy has deteriorated very much!

On the issue of quarantine when I am back in the country, since Fr. Chrispin is there and that is where my

car  is, I will not mind staying with him for those two weeks while resting and catching up with time difference! Otherwise I do appreciate for the hospitality of Dc. Tim and Vicki Barnes in advance and thank them on my behalf padre! I prefer staying with Fr. Chrispin Oneko! Otherwise I am doing pretty good and looking forward to get my Covid -19 test certificate on Tuesday 30th 2020! My whole family are doing fantastic at the moment! Mom had some malaria two weeks ago

but I took her to the hospital  and she was treated she is doing great and very jovial as always!