

## Holy Redeemer Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2020 @ 4:30 PM via Zoom

### Council Members in attendance:

Father Paul Nwaeze  
Edgar Acosta  
Peter Atkinson  
Cathy Deogrades  
David Dupuis  
Ted Hurley  
Josephene Kealey  
Hailey Krol

**Other attendees:** Cathy Koss (Youth Coordinator), Sharon Sudsbear (Catholic Women's League), Bob Near (Knights of Columbus)

### Call meeting to order

- Father Paul called the meeting to order at 4:38 pm
- Due to the Covid-19 Coronavirus the meeting took place online via Zoom

### 1) Approval of June minutes - approved

### 2) Council Elections

- a. Father Paul thanked Wayne Watts for his contributions and his leadership as the past chair of council, David for his work as vice chair and for all his work organizing the parish feast and also the online alpha course and Cathy for her time in her role as secretary
- b. Elections were held for the new executive and the following positions were filled:
  - i. Chair – David Dupuis
  - ii. Vice Chair – Cathy Deogrades
  - iii. Secretary – Josephene Kealey

### 3) Re-opening of the church

- a. Father Paul thanked the parish staff – Maureen, Jennifer and Cathy for all their hard work as well as our custodian Derek and the Knights and all the other volunteers that have worked so hard to keep the church open during mass by following the guidelines and protocols set out by the Arch Diocese
- b. Current Holy Redeemer mass schedule:
  - i. Weekdays (Monday – Friday) at 9:00 a.m.
  - ii. Saturdays @ 5:00 p.m. (with an additional mass @ 9:00 a.m. on the first Saturday of the month)
  - iii. Sundays @ 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (with time in between to clean)
- c. Attendance is increasing each week – this past Sunday 200 parishioners attended the 11:00 a.m. mass (social distancing capacity is 300)
- d. Edgar mentioned he is impressed with the way the church has been set up and has heard lots of good comments from parishioners watching online as well and he asked Father Paul if there have been any challenges. Father Paul said trying to meet all the guidelines and protocols from the diocese have been a lot of work. Some parishioners are really insisting

on receiving communion on the tongue and Father Paul has explained this is not allowed currently. One parishioner has not returned for mass since Father Paul said this. The diocese has now given him direction to let parishioners who are insistent to wait until the end and then be given their communion last. There are also some challenges with exiting the church at the end of the mass, but the volunteers are working hard to keep people spread out as they leave.

- e. Sharon mentioned when she worked as a greeter at mass that one parishioner refused to give her name for the sign in sheet, but Sharon knew her name and she reported the issue to Jennifer in the office
- f. Peter asked for Father Paul to confirm the online masses will continue – Father Paul said yes, and that the parish was looking to purchase equipment so that the online mass will always be an option moving forward
- g. Ted asked if the parish has received any funds from the government for wage subsidy – Father Paul said no and noted salaries for the priest's have been reduced
- h. Father Paul thanked the parishioners for being generous with their donations during this time
- i. David asked for an update on sacraments and Father Paul said baptisms are taking place, as well as funerals and there are three weddings scheduled in August

#### 4) New Business

- a) Edgar wanted to know how he could connect with others in the Education committee to find out what they are doing during this time– David said it would be good to get updates from other ministries as well
- b) Sharon asked if CWL can meet in person in September as they are less than 30 members. Father Paul mentioned the hall is set up for the masses so there can be no meetings unless the group is small enough to meet in one of the meeting rooms and that we have to be conscious of the cleaning that will be involved each time a group meets
- c) Bible Camp is virtual on Zoom starting next Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup> from 10 – 11 a.m. Cathy has recorded videos with help from the Senior Youth Group and Mark Gaudet. These videos will be posted online each day for families to view if their children are not able to join at 10 a.m. Cathy will send a message out through Flock Notes to inform parishioners of the camp and ask them to register their children. This Friday night senior youth group will be meeting in person for the first time and they will continue to meet until the end of July.
- d) David expressed his priority for council this year will be the creation of the parish 5-year plan
- e) Clarification was requested on the role of the Parish Pastoral Council. It was decided David will prepare an informative presentation for our next meeting to educate all
- f) To help all members prepare for the 5-year plan discussions the results from the Flourishing Congregations survey will be sent to all members to review before the next meeting
- g) Father Paul mentioned Tom Sudsbear will be ordained in Cornwall in August but due to Covid 19 restrictions a celebration will not be held

#### 5) Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

**Next meeting is August 5<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 p.m.**