

## Holy Redeemer Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2020 @ 4:30 PM via Zoom

### Council Members in attendance:

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

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

Call meeting to order

- Wayne called the meeting to order at 4:34 pm
- Due to the Covid-19 Coronavirus the meeting took place online via Zoom

1) Approval of May minutes - approved

2) Father Paul and Wayne welcomed new members Edgar Acosta, Peter Atkinson, Josephene Kealey and Hailey Krol, to council:

- a. Edgar Acosta – has attended Holy Redeemer since 2011 and registered as a parishioner this this past year. He is also involved with Couples for Christ, and the 5pm choir.
- b. Peter Atkinson – has been a parishioner for 22 years, was the principal at Holy Trinity and retired as superintendent of the school board. He is humbled to serve the parish on this council.
- c. Hailey Krol – has been a parishioner for 5 years since she and her husband moved to Kanata. They both work for CCO and they have a young family (with another on the way very soon) and she is very interested in serving on council.
- d. Josephene Kealey – has been a parishioner for the past 9 years. She has 6 kids and is happy to serve and let God work through her.

3) Peak Pit Prayers – Father Paul asked council members to participate in a new prayer exercise to begin our meeting and each council member offered up a peak (high point) from their week, a pit (low point) and then a prayer. Father Paul will be encouraging all ministries to start their meetings this way to help create a culture of prayer in the parish. A reminder that prayer is powerful.

4) Debrief on re-opening the church this past weekend (June 20/21)

- a. Father Paul was happy to preach to people instead of an empty church this past weekend. Attendance was low (less than 150 at each mass) but understandable since people are still afraid of catching the virus
- b. Currently the parish can have up to 294 parishioners in attendance at each mass
- c. Wayne suggested before mass next weekend that the camera pan the church to show everyone watching all the measures that have been put into place to keep people safe at mass. This may encourage more people to attend.
- d. Edgar observed the eucharistic ministers received communion, put their masks back on and did not wash their hands before giving the eucharist to parishioners – Father Paul said this was an oversight and going forward they will take the eucharist, put on masks and then wash their hands
- e. Peter mentioned many watching online commented they still need the spiritual communion – this will take place this weekend
- f. The kneelers will not be used at this time to assist with social distancing and to also lessen the amount of cleaning that needs to be done in between each mass
- g. More volunteers are needed to assist with the social distancing guidelines at each mass including having parishioners sanitize their hands when they arrive and as they exit
- h. Josephine attended the 8 AM mass and said it went really well

5) Council elections

- a) Wayne announced he will be stepping down from council now that his term as chair is done. He wished the new council well and mentioned it will be an exciting time to be on council as we approach the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the parish
- b) Father Paul thanked Wayne for answering his call to service and for the time he gave the parish as chair
- c) Father Paul then asked to defer the council elections so all members could pray on what role they could assume on council
- d) Elections will be held at the next meeting (July 15<sup>th</sup>)

6) New Business

- a) Sharon said CWL had a meeting this past week, but overall things have been quiet
- b) Cathy Koss mentioned there will be a virtual Bible Camp (via Zoom) July 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> 10AM – 11AM, theme is *Shipwrecked with Jesus*. Video of each day will be posted on the parish website for parents in case their kids cannot participate between 10 and 11.
- c) Alpha program is in full swing with 24 people attending. They are working on running a weekend retreat July 18<sup>th</sup>
- d) Father Paul thanked the volunteers who worked the reopening of the church, and the Knights for all their help getting the seating arranged to meet the social distance guidelines

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

**Next meeting is July 15<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 p.m.**