

## Pastoral Council Meeting October 13, 2021

**Present:** Fr. Paul Sullivan, SJ, Jim McCarthy, Jane Driscoll, Karen Welch, Kathy Eliscu, Mary Cafazzo, Peter Rickett, Estelle Lavoie, Scott Dalton, Bill Burke, Bill Slavick, Fr. Brian Conley, SJ

**Absent:** Excused – Dermott Bostock

**Meeting began** with a Prayer/Reading from Luke 10:1-9. Jim McCarthy read the reading the first time around. All members gave a one or two word thought(s) on the reading.

Bill Burke did the Reading the second time. All members gave extended thoughts on the reading.

**Prayers** were said for Kathy's sister, our parishioners, climate control meeting that will be happening at the upcoming UN climate conference in Glasgow, a safe school year for all students & teachers and for the Parish Council by Fr. Paul.

September Minutes were accepted.

- 1) **Update of Fr. Paul's meeting with the Bishop:** Msgr. Marc Caron was also at the meeting, It was agreed that a revised form of the planning letter & summary of our planning process finding's will be submitted to the Presbyteral Council. The aim is to move forward with Troy (architectural consultant) to continue looking at the facilities to see which direction would be best for us at this time. There are several options for financing the contract cost (50K). At this point we will hold on releasing an update to the Parish.
- 2) **Comments on the Ministries Convocation:** Mary asked if there was a sign in sheet for all attendees at this meeting. Not an official one, however a list could be made.
- 3) **Jane Driscoll – new Parish Life Co-Ordinator – Introduction:** Jane gave a brief overview of her role & expertise.
- 4) **Lights of Hope Celebration - Bill Burke -- Saturday, December 4:** Bill passed out a draft for the Lights of Hope Celebration that he had made. He asked that all Council Members

Read it, discuss the present ideas and come up with new ideas. This will be a walk thru event.

***Some of the thoughts that were brought up:***

- A) A Caroling Station be included to sing Carols with a live musician outside and taped music inside the church.
  - B) Council needs to talk this event up.
  - C) Have the little ones dress up as Reindeer
  - D) Will there be food for sale for people at the event to purchase or a Bake Sale?
  - E) Suggested that **Donation** only be used **NOT suggested donation**
  - F) What is the contingency plan in case of bad weather?
- 5) **Auction – Tree Festival:** The trees will be set up for Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> with the public being able to come in from 10AM – 4PM and view the trees, items for bid and purchase raffle tickets. The online bidding will start October 31 and end November 6<sup>th</sup> @ 4PM. 7PM will start the live festivities for all who have purchased tickets for the events at the Parish Hall. This group will have the last opportunity to make the last bid on any of the items, starting with the last online bid. This bidding will close at 9PM. This updated information will be in the bulletin and there will be

informational sheets on the bidding process put out in the churches this weekend. \*Will put the Sponsors on the website as well. [Already done].

6) **Synod – Fr. Paul (comments from Bill Slavick):** Pope Francis encourages listening. What is the process to get a conference together to be a part of this process? Fr. Paul will ask the diocese what are the plans for the synod here.

7) **Other Items:**

A) **Social Justice & Peace – Bill Slavick:** There is a large influx of Refugees here in Portland at this time. The committee is looking into how they can help with some of the needs that are needed by the Refugees. Bill suggested that a call to all our Political Leaders be made demanding that the deportation of Haiti refugees be stopped.

B) **Faith Formation** – Lori Arsenault will be doing the administrative portion of this position until a full time person is hired. Need someone to do the Baptism classes which happen 1x a month, usually the second Tuesday of the month for families who are having their first child baptized. Fr. Paul explained we are seeking someone who can do this ministry. We do have a couple of families who are looking to have their children baptized.

C) **Noon Concerts:** Michael Bostock will be doing a Noon concert November 4<sup>th</sup> @ the Portland Conservatory of Music, 28 Neal St.. A poster will be posted on the doors of the churches this weekend giving the details.

Closed with Prayer by Fr. Brian

Next meeting will be **November 10, 2021 7PM**

Respectfully submitted,

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