

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – October 20, 2020 MINUTES

Present: Sharon Di Fruscia, Christina Sabbagh, Ann Robertson, Paul Perrault, Maria Lanni, Linda Pefanis, Fr. Ray LaFontaine, Fr. Lloyd
Absent: Graham Anber, Anna Diodati

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by the Chair

- Opening Prayer: Sharon read a prayer for reflection
- Approval of the Agenda
- Motion to approve: Maria
- Seconded: Paul

Business

Sharon asked ‘what can we do in the coming months to minister to the parish’. What new ways can we suggest to reach out to more people. What can we do to avoid losing more as they become used to not actively and physically participating at Mass or in the parish.

The group suggested that the Christmas campaign letter could be sent out earlier and include Advent readings, booklets and links to on-line meditations and other initiatives. Those not online would have the packages delivered to them.

Mindful that there are many links on-line for those wishing to meditate and these could be mentioned in one of the e-mails that go out to all prior to Sunday Mass.

Christina asked if Faith First would be doing anything. Fr. Ray said that Jennie Parsons could advise her contacts of the resources for children and adults and these resources could be dispersed to the

community, there is a need to keep connected to parishioners. New ways of reaching the community should continue after the pandemic.

Paul suggested that an announcement both on-line and at Mass should be made with regard to linking up people. Fr. Ray also asked Ann if those in her Ministry for Home Visits could assist by calling those who would benefit from weekly calls. Fr. Lloyd also suggested that Pastor's Corner could be used as a resource for information available.

14 November is the suggested date to re-introduce the Saturday 4 p.m. Mass. The sanitizing protocol would be that the pews occupied at the 4 p.m. Mass would be sanitized but nothing would be done after the Sunday Mass.

Sharon asked Maria Lanni and Ann Robertson if they would be willing to continue serving on the Parish Council for at least another year. Both are willing to continue.

As a way to bring new members into the PC, It was then suggested that two sisters who are currently assisting at Mass be approached as potential members. Sharon will give these women the outline of the function of the Parish Council.

Associate Pastor's and Pastoral Associate Report

There was no Associate Pastor's Report or Pastoral Associate Report.

Linda read a closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.