

All Saints Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2021 7:00 pm

In attendance: Fr. Jorge Rameriz, Christine Eisenhut (Chair), Matthew Connolly, Julie Eisenhut (on Zoom), John Phillips, Julie Berens, Chandler Benson, John Callister, Matthew Montague, Erin Socha (on Zoom), Randy McDonald, Andra Benson, Christine Montague; absent: Christine Hass

1. **Opening Prayer:** led by chair Christine Eisenhut. John C read Scripture: Wisdom 7:7-11
 - a. Reflection Question for Faith Sharing:
 - i. What are some concrete ways we can help our parish and community grow in the wisdom of God?
2. **Approval of Minutes, Revision of Agenda, Disclosure of Conflict of Interest:**
 - a. Minutes from 09Aug2021 meeting: approved with the correction of the spelling of Fr. Jorge's name
 - b. Agenda revision: update to include Christine Montague
 - c. Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest: no conflicts to disclose re: agenda items
3. **Committee & Member Reports:**
 - a. B&G –
 - i. Completed:
 1. Fire Alarm system in parish center and church were inspected by Pleasant Valley Electric. Both facilities are in good order and good for another year.
 2. Heating systems in parish center and church were inspected by Halco. Both facilities are in good order. Next service will be spring 2022.
 3. Snowplow and sidewalk contractor for 2021-2022 season will be Dan Hranek - same contractor as last year. Finance office has confirmed insurance coverage is in place.
 4. Light bulbs in church are being changed and maintained as needed. Using Par38 bulbs in basement, once these are gone we will purchase LED bulbs for future replacement requirements.
 5. Box for candle donations installed as requested.
 6. Baptismal font pumps requiring attention, may need service/replacement of pump
 7. Two new oak trees planted by NYS Highway Dept/Bridge contractor. Trees are in front in ROW, good spacing to Dave Lippert tree.
 - ii. Upcoming Activity:
 1. Basement cleanup
 2. Fall leaves
 3. Painting of classrooms and hallways that are in need
 4. Buff and clean parish center floors
 5. Secure the tabernacle to its box and the table
 - b. Review of All Saints Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for last fiscal year
 - i. Chandler B discussed some details from report and fielded some questions.
 - c. Religious Education
 - i. Andra reported that numbers are down compared to past years, aligning with church attendance. Forty kids currently registered. Everyone is being very diligent

regarding COVID safeguards. Would be nice to get some teenage boys to help as teachers' assistants. Snack distribution and cleanup is working well. Coffee hour sign ups are down as well.

4. Pastors Report

- a. Liturgy: Father was pleased that some All Saints folks attended Mass of Holy Cross. Blessing of the pets was attended reasonably well, based on the rainy weather. Solemnity of All Saints is approaching; Father requested that the children dress as saints, instead of typical Halloween costumes. Requested strong attendance at Solemnity. Discussion regarding a dish-to-pass meal on the 29th, resulting in a majority preference to postpone until next year (mainly due to COVID).
- b. Family Christmas tree proposal – each family brings an ornament to decorate a tree. On the Epiphany, if the family wants, they can retrieve their ornament. Location of the tree will most likely be near the baptismal font.
- c. Father appreciates the youth participation in the masses.
- d. Conflict of interest forms need to be returned to Father.
- e. CMA target goal been reduced compared to last year. Father will start mentioning our progress during mass. There is a diocesan video that Father wants to share - various methods proposed - during homily, sharing a YouTube link, during coffee hour on a loop in the parish hall. Group opted to present during homily on 21Nov.
- f. All pastoral council members must go through background check and CASE training (identification of signs of abuse) every 3 years. Andra will orchestrate training and share the link.
- g. NYS has mandated a logbook for entering the parish center – we need to emphasize its use, including contractors, to use the rest room, etc.
- h. Use of the kitchen facility also requires signature of a separate log sheet.
- i. Requested ideas for a Christmas theme activity for the next meeting.

5. Old Business/Planning

- a. "Anniversary" planning – our anniversary isn't really until 2023, so needs to be more of a 'celebration', but focus remains to try to increase attendance. Social events are critical to this goal. Father mentioned adding a spirit of welcoming to the items already proposed. Need to figure out why people haven't returned. Perhaps inquire if there are things that we could do to make them more comfortable. Perhaps a banner to announce / remind everyone of all the coming events.

6. New Business:

- a. Christine Montague discussed sponsorship of immigrant family. Local Catholic Charities organization provided some information and guidance. There is a difference between refugees and asylum seekers. There is a local family that is seeking asylum, and Christine will inquire what things they may need that we could potentially help with.

7. Future Meeting Schedule: 13Dec2021, 07Feb2022, 11Apr2022, 13Jun2022

8. Closing Prayer led by Chair