

September 28, 2020 PPC Meeting

Attendees:

Chris Gould
Father Dave Harris
Mike Ahrens
Brittany Pesce
Brooke Borders
Ted Bordador
Kelly Dean
Stephanie Davis
Danielle Walters
David Bufford
Jill Mueller
Kitty Wagner

Absent:

Kelly Schulz

Motion to approve June 22nd minutes
Minutes approved

Father Dave- Parish

Parish 2 blocks from AG and puts us in an unusual situation. Graymoor police are helpful and always in contact with St. Albert.

Archdiocese has helped lead us with the current situation (protesting) as well.

Mass attendance continues to grow, about at 50% of what we were prior to March 2020.

Planning Christmas Masses, doing a survey aimed at parishioners, most likely Masses will be held simultaneously in a variety of spaces on our campus with several priests.

First of Advent some Covid restrictions may be lifted (not in stone). Problem is we have a large elderly population which are an at-risk group.

We are reactionary, in crisis management, with little planning given the current situation.

We have to remain flexible and continue to take direction from the Archdiocese.

Sustainability Plan

Sustainability is key, large schools are realizing they cannot operate at current level to continue quality education. Teachers are overwhelmed with so many tasks. Challenge is not understanding how long Covid will last.

New half-day on Friday is to offer some relief to school staff.

Assistance is needed (additional staff) for lunch, PE, cleaning, etc). Not sustainable.

Our sense of community has decreased due to Covid.

Finances are maintaining strength, giving is at 100%.

FD in touch with the superintendent of Archdiocese for guidance through COVID, has gotten tremendous insight in how to work through different situations.

There is some confusion as to who to follow once a student/teacher has been diagnosed with COVID. FD calls the Health Department who engages in tracing of students for quarantine directions.

Four cases of COVID at St Albert (all students). None of them were traced back to school.

We have not lost any staff as of yet.

CSAA is currently trying to decide whether or not to have winter sports. SAAM is a huge ministry and intended on participating in football but could not due to CSAA ruling.

FD has realized that kids will play sports even when they are officially canceled. He thinks there is a greater risk of exposure in this scenario since it is not controlled by school/CSAA.

CSAA asked opinions about playing basketball. We have a better chance of controlling COVID is played at school.

Basketball goals and hitting cages had to come down because larger groups were coming over after school hours to use.

Hire 4 full-time assistants to help with the burden of tasks.

What does school need from the PPC to set up for long-term (address in next meeting)?

PPC REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Brenna Daugherty - Finance & Facilities

Tithing was down, kept expenses down to counter. Need for HVAC units. Few capital improvement projects need review over the next couple years.

Jill Mueller - Social Concerns

Report was in the August bulletin.

Zoom meeting in September.

Baby Bottle Boomerang project currently happening

Habitat for Humanity finished.

Thanksgiving Basket programs are a go.

Giving Tree program a go.

Danielle W. - Lifelong Formation & Ed School

One thing that stands out is how serious the administration handles a reported case and all the work that goes into handling it once it happens. The Health Department has to be contacted.

Teachers hardly have time to have a lunch break. Volunteers are needed to help at school in order for staff to have breaks. Trying to figure out a system/plan for acquiring volunteers (maybe use people who have had COVID)?

Larry has a team that comes to deep clean the school when we have a COVID case. Administration asks for prayers.

Kitty W. - Lifelong Formation & Ed Small Group Adults

Committee is feeling stuck not knowing if people are comfortable gathering in small groups.

Alpha? 25-40 year olds, the program has a very specific curriculum.

Nothing planned for fall.

Kitty reviewing materials per Laura's request.

Brittany P. - Lifelong Formation & Ed Children

Work Plan Update: Sacraments: Baptisms, 1st Reconciliation, 1st Communion

Name/Goal of Work Plan Item:

Baptized 22 children since March, ongoing, virtual classes taking place so that families can stay home, Cindy meets individuals if needed, Parish can schedule only 4 baptisms at a time.

2. Work Plan Update: 1st Reconciliation

Name/Goal of Work Plan Item:

1st graders did not have an opportunity for 1st Reconciliation last year due to COVID.

There will be two groups this year, split into two different times in October (8th) for 1st Reconciliation in order to accommodate every child.

Cindy can go into classrooms to prepare kids for upcoming sacraments.

Cindy is trying to create a normal 1st Reconciliation experience for 1st graders.

3. Work Plan Update: 1st Communion

Name/Goal of Work Plan Item:

There will be three First communion Masses in November, on the same weekend (including PREP)

Sending parents take-home kits, bread baking family night, grandparents craft (at home), two family retreats, hosting a plate painting event at school. Prep families will meet in October for the first time, and will have to do some prep at home leading up to that October date.

4. Work Plan Update: Prep

Name/Goal of Work Plan Item:

Prep

*Had dinner in PCL for Prep and all attended. Lost 4 kids but since gained 2 kids. Virtual options are offered.

“Pickup Party” in September, get supplies and bless cars, offering gospel weekly (parent sheet included as well).

Offer face to face in classrooms in October (hopefully).

Reduced fees for the program.

5. Work Plan Update: Nursery

Name/Goal of Work Plan Item:

Nursery is not open at this time and will remain closed until further notice.

6. Work Plan Update: Children’s Liturgy

Name/Goal of Work Plan Item:

No plans for Children’s Liturgy to resume any time soon. Exploring ideas of teaching Children’s Liturgy to K-2 students during religion classes.

7. Work Plan Update: Special Sacraments

Name/Goal of Work Plan Item:

In person consultations and instruction are being given as needed.

8. Work Plan Update: VBS

Name/Goal of Work Plan Item:

St Albert VBS was one of the longest and detailed programs offered this past summer. Unsure as to how the program will progress for next summer.

5. Miscellaneous Comments/Items:

There are several limitations Cindy is dealing with with no real end in sight. She has had an opportunity for some idea sharing with other folks in similar parishes involved in Children’s Liturgy, and has utilized a few here at St. Albert. As long as social distancing, reduced capacity of students, deep cleanings, etc. are mandated, her programs will be profoundly affected.

David B. - Lifelong Formation & Ed Youth

No meeting yet. Emily has a youth program in place. He is waiting on her schedule.

Mike A. - Parish Life Pastoral Care

Work Plan Update: Non traditional means are being utilized to maintain contact due to the limitation of allowed in-person visits. These include a card ministry, the distribution of the weekly bulletins, enhanced digital communication, and livestream Masses. As the pandemic eases, there will need to be discussion involving both nursing facilities and pastoral providers on improving methods for human interaction for those who are confined. **Mike requested state guidelines from David Bufford**

2. Name/Goal of Work Plan Item: Review of Ministries Initiated or envisioned during 2020 that were negatively impacted by Covid.

Goal: Revisit both the resumption of established ministries and initiate plans for ministries placed on hold due to the pandemic.

Work Plan Update: Three ministries need to be prioritized. The first is the grief support ministry. It was initiated in February 2020, but suspended in March due to Covid restrictions. This ministry will resume when larger group gatherings are again permitted. The second ministry is an accompaniment ministry for those who are moving through the Catholic annulment process. Individuals who have completed the process at some

time in their life will be invited to provide support to those beginning the annulment steps. We will be able to begin formation with a small group of volunteers before the completion of 2020. The third area for consideration is a men's ministry. The goal in 2020 was to engage a group of men to gather in person to envision what shape such a ministry might take. It will be possible to convene this gathering at some point in 2020-21 when conditions are favorable.

3. Name/Goal of Work Plan Item: Integration of Newly Baptized/Confirmed Adults into the life and ministry of the Parish.

Goal: Develop greater participation by parish members in the RCIA process

Work Plan Update: The 2020-21 RCIA process for converts will commence in October and will be conducted via Zoom conference rather than in-person meetings. We will continue to move toward greater parish involvement in the process. This year we will be inviting RCIA graduates to share their stories at meetings. We will involve parishioners in topical presentations from time to time. We will also be asking for parish volunteers to serve as mentors to those entering the Church. Looks like approximately 9 people will be in the group.

Kelly D. - Worship

The Worship Committee has not met over the summer months.

We have a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 1st at 7 p.m. in the church offices. (with masks)

Laura pro-active and entering the busy season (Christmas), additional space for mass meetings are being discussed for Christmas Mass.

The Committee last met in May to add input and training ideas for the guidelines put in place for in-person celebration of Mass.

Some items on the agenda:

Review of public Mass procedures.

October 4th - Blessing of Animals.

October 22nd - 20th anniversary of the dedication of our new church building.

Prayer Vigil for the Election.

All Souls Day

Christmas Masses during Coronavirus time.

Need ministers of hospitality!

Looking for someone to clean the church!

New Business

Leaders of community wide PPC committees planning a remote meeting sometime in October

Strategic Plan - ideas now could be used to develop new goals

Important Dates

Next Meeting: All-Hands, October 19, 2020 @ 6:30pm

Closing Prayer