

Infant of Prague Parish Council

Meeting Minutes - October 13, 2020

### **1. Opening - Faith Formation**

The meeting was called to order by Mary Montero at 7:00 pm. The prayer was led by Mary Hager.

### **2. Meeting Focus**

Attendance -

Present: Renee Andrzejewski, Camille Boczar, Dee Garcia, Denise Garry, Mary Hager, Fr. Tom Mahoney, Mike Maute, Sue Maute, Mary Montero, Debbie Morrison, Sue Pelletterie, Tammy Spencer, Deacon Brian Walkowiak

Guest: Brian Sintau

Absent:

Excused: Michele Andrzejewski, Fran Mackowiak

Mission Statement - read aloud by all

Minutes - A motion to approve the minutes was made by Sue Pelletterie and seconded by Sue Maute

Correspondence - none

### **3. President's Report**

- distributed updated spreadsheet with Councilor's info. - noted changes

- request for someone to take the role of Recording Secretary in place of Camille Boczar

discussion regarding agencies to receive Parish Pence contribution for 2020-2021. Brian Sintau will look into Charity Navigator or other resource to assess agencies' ratings and whether or not they already receive funding from other sources. Councilors listed these agencies as possible recipients: Salvation Army, Buffalo City Mission, Little Portion Friary, PeacePrints/Buffalo Blue Project, Response to Love Center, Cheektowaga Hub Food Pantry, Friends of Night People, Feedmore WNY/Meals on Wheels, St. Gianna Molla pregnancy center, Assisting Angels.

In the past, IOP has contributed to the following:

- 2016 - Hearts for the Homeless, Little Portion Friary, Franciscan Center

- 2017 - Kevin Guest House, Gerard Place, Harvest House

- 2018 - Homes for Haitians

- 2019 - Kairos Prison Ministry

- 2020 - St. Vincent de Paul Society

### **4. Ongoing Parish Life**

#### **REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

SPIRITUAL LIFE:

Liturgy - no meeting yet; may pursue meeting at Parish Center

Children's Liturgy - no report

Music - no report

Environment - no report

EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Faith Formation- program is continuing, now with 56 students registered

RCIA - one person interested in adult Confirmation; will follow-up

Parish Life - no leadership yet, no meeting held

Building and Maintenance - no meeting held

Finance - met in September; currently working on the budget

#### PEACE AND JUSTICE:

Respect Life - rosary done here at IOP as at other parishes, for Respect Life Month

Ladies of Charity - no meeting held

Altar & Rosary - no meeting held

Friends of Night People - no report

Legion of Mary - attended the National Rosary at Our Lady Help of Christians Church - distributed rosaries and pamphlets

St. Vincent de Paul - drawing to be held Oct. 14 for "Lottery of Prizes" (156 prizes to one winner). Getting things together for Thanksgiving donations to needy families.

Stewardship and Welcoming - contacts made to 2 new families; welcome packets given

#### REPORTS FROM AD HOC COMMITTEES

Vicariate - activities on hold/Covid

Special Events Committee - no report

Formed - continuing our subscription for the Parish; announcements/bulletin blurbs no longer made

#### **5. Pastor's Report**

possibility of parish groups to meet at Parish Center, if social distancing can be done and small number of participants only

thank you to Char Balzer & Jennifer Setlock for their prior service; they are resigning from Council  
Breaking Bread missals have been purchased for the new Liturgical Year. A \$5.00 donation will be requested, and each person will then keep their own missal and bring it to Mass.

The 75th Anniversary celebration will most likely be after Michael Johnson's first Mass on June 5, 2021.  
Type of events will depend on Covid guidelines.

Diocese continues to pursue its "Road to Renewal" - at present they are not anticipating mergers and closings but instead clusters of parishes to be formed, with one pastor per cluster of parishes and a parochial vicar at individual sites. However, depending on circumstances, some parishes may close. The plan will be released in November. It is focusing on a "Family of Families" concept.

#### **6. Voice of the Parish**

discussion about how best to have ushers collect donation envelopes to avoid commotion, and for ushers to continue their welcoming role

question about whether parish is going to again sponsor the "Reverse Advent" collection of goods for the food pantry - need to contact Al Brownsey at St. Vincent de Paul

how can we support families with young children and teens for them to participate fully at Mass?

Communion Calls to the homebound are still not allowed under Covid guidelines

at the direction of the Parish Office, the minutes of the Parish Council meetings will no longer be listed in the bulletin; instead, they will be available on the parish website

7. Closing Prayer - led by Sue Pelletterie

8. Adjournment- 7:50 pm

Next Parish Council Meeting  
January 12, 2021  
Henesey Hall Gym - 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Camille Boczar, Recording Secretary