

**10.18.2020**

**Holy Spirit Catholic Church Parish Pastoral Council Report**

**Attendees:** Rev. David Nestler, OFM Cap; Brenda Anekwe-Smith; Ray Hines; Sandra Madison; Tanya Brown; James Daniels; Kim Fortson; Reginald Jones; Karla Morson; Erin Raines; David Tucker

**Absent:** Stephanie O'Rourke; Erin Whatley; David Williams; Deacon Ron James

**Opening Prayer:** Rev. David Nestler, OFM CAP

**Agenda: Rev. David Nestler, OFM Cap**

**1. Welcoming of new Parish Council members beginning three-year service (2020-2023)**

Kim Forson	Ray Hines
Sandra Madison	David Tucker
Erin Whatley	

\*Congratulations to new Co-Chair Karla Morson

**2. Gratitude to former Parish Council members for their service**

Terrence Gaines	Jewel Jones
Lou Lorenzo	Patricia Douglas
Deacon Shelby Friend	

**3. Letter from the Bishop**

-Raised many concerns including:

-Letter seems to endorse Donald Trump because of the Republican Party stance on abortion

-Fear that there may be collusion between Donald Trump and Catholic Church

-Missed opportunity of the Bishop to remind the Catholic community all lives are worth saving not just those in utero.

-Shepherding Committee wants the four predominantly African American parishes to help draft a response to the bishop by the end of the month

-Volunteers to speak with the Shepherding committee:

-Karla Morson

-James Daniels

-Kim Fortson

**4. Attendance**

-Average of 74 members for Sunday 10:30 mass

-Question raised when is it safe to add another mass?

-Issue of rising Covid-19 cases and people catching virus multiple times

-Parishioners are actively watching virtual service and giving (awaiting numbers)

-Holiday Season – How to address Special Masses?

-Limit of 86 members/families but may be able to accommodate more and still maintain social distancing guidelines

**5. Parish Facebook Page and Website**

-Jewel Jones to handle Holy Spirit Facebook page

-Looking for ways to make the Parish Website more serviceable/useable

-Coming soon a streamlined web page with pictures of first communion kids

- Would like a place on the site to access forms
- Links to YouTube Channel can be found on website

## 6. Food Program

- Switch from handing out prepared meals to grocery items
- Could use more volunteers Tuesdays at 3:45pm
- How can we better organize and make the community aware of program?
  - Electronic sign? Facebook page? Drive-up/No contact service?
  - Rules of the food bank for hot meals vs giving of grocery items
  - Follow-up to be made by Ray Hines and Reginald Jones

## 7. PSR plans for 2020/2021

- Staff talked about a staggered hybrid model especially for younger school age group (preK-1<sup>st</sup> grade)
- Virtual PSR for those students in 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Guidelines have been passed out to teachers
- Feed back from parent survey show parents would like more direction on how to expand on what students are learning in between PSR meetings; parents desire more communication between themselves and teachers
- PSR to begin 11.14.2020

## 8. Confirmation

- Confirmation is scheduled for 11.22.2020
- Father David to perform Confirmation

## 9. Projects

- Sidewalk (1<sup>st</sup> priority)
  - City and Plumber have been called, possible service line break, storm break damage, or damage from parking
  - Next step to place a camera for further observation
  - Goal- remove concrete and replace with a curb and fill with grass.
- Wall opposite rectory basement door
  - Retaining wall seems to be coming in
    - Could collapse wall holding 6 air conditioning units
    - Repair cost \$11,000
    - Weep holes

## 10. Questions

- What is the Christmas/ New Year's Mass Schedule?
  - See attachment sent by Pastor David
- Are all Holiday masses to be live streamed?
  - The goal is that all Holiday Masses be live streamed. May need more help with video
- Possibly updating the Parish Directory
  - Will discuss in the next Parish Council meeting

## Upcoming Parish Council Meetings

- 1.17.2021
- 4.18.2021
- 7.18.2021

Closing Prayer: Rev. David Nestler, OFM Cap