

Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis

Minutes of the Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: December 15, 2020

Members Present: Father Tony Fernando, Jeanette Goehring, Kevin Lindow and Greg Kalinoski

Members Absent: Jeannie Thompson and Loren Kramer

Opened the Meeting with Prayer.

Welcomed New Member: Greg Kalinoski

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Father Tony made a motion and Greg Kalinoski second the motion to approve the minutes.

Reviewing the Constitution of the Pastoral Council & Policies on Diocesan & Parish Administration:

Each time a new member joins the Council, the Constitution of the Pastoral Council, the administrative procedures of Diocese and Parish are reviewed in order to understand the scope and the subject matter the council will be dealing during its meetings.

Reports: Minutes of the Finance Council and Liturgy Committee were reviewed. The Diocesan Annual Appeal goal for 2020 was reached in August. About 62 donors had contributed for DAA.

Minutes of the Cemetery Committee were not available. Father Tony shared with us the request of the Cemetery Committee members to invest the Cemetery Perpetual Care money with the Diocesan bank to obtain higher interest. The Committee will continue to implement the policy on the Removal of Summer Decorations. The plot owners are permitted to decorate the grave of their loved ones from May through September and their decorations need to be removed by the end of September or they will be removed by the Committee.

New Business

Covid-19 Restrictions: Father Tony provided us with a sample copy of the Covid-19 Liability Waiver and Release of Claims Form that is required to be signed by the officers of Church Associated Organizations or Committee if they intend to use the Church facilities. The kitchen and Parish Hall is not available for preparing or serving any food items as per MN Health Department and our Insurance Company will not cover any events held in our facilities during the pandemic period.

Current Faith Formation for Children & youth at OLP: In person classes are now being held in our parish. Parents, who like to home school their children are provided with the class materials. Online Programs offered by the diocese is well used by our Confirmation and Pre-confirmation students every month.

Adult Faith Formation by Missionary Disciples Promotion Team: The Missionary Disciples Promotion Team of our parish is presenting a program called "Living the Word" on Tuesdays of Advent. It is encouraging to see about 12 to 15 people attending each session.

Christmas and New Year Liturgical Celebration: Our parish will not be taking reservations for attending Christmas or New Year Masses. We will be prepared to accommodate people in the dining area and balcony, if needed. Christmas Eve mass will be broadcast on Radio and we will be working on obtaining equipment for live streaming future liturgical celebrations.

Suggestions for Liturgical Ministers Training: The council suggested to postpone the training of the Liturgical Ministers until the Spring of 2021. The present liturgical ministers need to be re-commissioned.

Preparations & Celebration of First Holy Communion: May 2, 2021: The First Holy Communion Class of 2020 has not yet received the sacrament of Holy Eucharist. They are asked to join the class of 2021. Their First Holy Communion celebrations will be on Sunday, May 2, 2021 during 10:30 AM Mass.

Next Scheduled Meeting will be Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Jeanette Goehring