

St. Leo Parish Advisory Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

April 2021

Present: Father Grosso, Denise Esposito, Christine Green, Sandy Schwoerer, Mike Nicholson, Carol Kennedy, John Kennedy, Joe Baranowski, Chip Howe, Eileen Towne, Anthony Marsella, Ann Hogan and Raffaele Iovieno.

Meeting was conducted via Zoom teleconference.

Mike Nicholson called the meeting to order at 7:34pm. Fr. Grosso opened with a prayer.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved unanimously.

Pastor's Comments

- Fr. Grosso reported that Holy Week Masses and services went very well.
- The parish has been able to open up more seats and there has been a small but steady increase in attendance.
- Father thanked John Kennedy for speaking at all of the masses this past weekend regarding the ACA. St. Leo goal this year is \$129K – currently at 39%.
- Father announced that the St. Leo Fair is back! The chairpeople – Marcia Mandi and Joe Esposito - are proud to be going forward. The fair will be completely re-mapped and be a bit smaller this year (less game booths, etc) to allow for distancing. Bingo is still up in the air – Joe Baranowski reported that we have until early August to decide whether we will be going forward with that. There is a slight concern that volunteers might be more difficult to get as people are still concerned about Covid but all are confident there will be enough people. Stewart Amusement will be there once again with rides as they have been trained in proper disinfecting techniques.

Reports

Committee Reports

Youth Group

- Denise Esposito and Eileen Towne reported that the group has met several times and would like to have a graduation brunch.
- Numbers of those attending are improving

Seniors

- No report but as always Father asked that we remember to keep all the members in our prayers, and is hoping that some members (who feel safe to do so) will volunteer to help with the Fair and begin coming back.

Social Concerns

- A clothing drive will be held on Saturday, April 24th from 9am until 12 pm. Person to Person will have their van on site – there will be specific sorting and labeling instructions to ensure safety.
- The Social Concerns group will be providing lunch 3 times a month once again. Father Grosso thanked them for their dedication to this ministry and asked Carol to make sure that those who volunteer to work together in the kitchen at St. Leo be vaccinated.

Ex Officio Reports

Religious Education

- Eileen Towne reported that the First Holy Communion retreats would take place this weekend and the two First Holy Communion Masses will be on Saturday, May 2nd.
- Eileen also reported that the year ended very successfully – the format was changed due ongoing health and safety regulations, and she liked it a bit better – the children did their work at home with their parents and came once a month for enrichment classes with her. She would like to somehow incorporate that again next year.
- No word from the diocese yet on Confirmation dates for the fall.

Music Ministry/Liturgy

- Denise Esposito reported that the reservation system for Masses is going well
- Holy Week and Easter were a success and Denise and Alma are hard at work on First Holy Communion
- Denise is hoping that she will be able to have a choir in September – perhaps not as big but something.
- Masses are still being recorded (probably through mid-May)
- Finally, Denise thanked all of those who have been such a huge help at all the Masses. Their efforts have truly ensured a safe environment for all.
- And thank YOU Denise.

New Business and Miscellany

None

Father Grosso led all in the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm and the next meeting date was set for Monday, May 17th at 7:30pm once again via Zoom conference call.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Green
Council Secretary