

## **ST. THERESA PASTORAL COUNCIL**

### **Meeting Minutes from Nov 12th, 2020 Virtual Go-To-Meeting, 7:00 pm**

In Attendance: Fr. Bob McCann, Carrie Schaefer, Cathy Brady, Chris Colby, Jerry Deck, Michael Finnegan and Paulette Tuckner. The meeting started at 7:10 P.M.

- Carrie Schaefer led the opening prayer.
- We reviewed the minutes from the Sept 17, 2020 meeting. The minutes were approved with a few minor changes, Michael motioned and Jerry seconded.

#### **Pastor's Report:**

- Nov 8th Church attendance was almost at full capacity
- Cathy sent out survey to see if there is interest in a second Mass, there were 108 responses. The question now are there sufficient volunteers for a second Mass.
- It takes 16 people to re-open the church, Cathy will keep everyone informed with Flock Notes
- The staff is starting to talk about Christmas: how are we going to accommodate everyone
- We are making progress with the Mandalay neighborhood, the Polling place was quiet. We put the gate down so they could have a Halloween block party
- There is a problem with skate boarders who are damaging the steps at the Event Center
- We had our 1<sup>st</sup> funeral service on 10/7/20
- We have had two Covid 19 deaths
- We have seen an increase in people seeking help and depression, so the staff thought of ways to keep the parishioners involved. The Advent retreat will be centered around "It's A Wonderful Life"
- Parishioners watch the movie and then there will be a four week meditation to prepare for Christmas
- All school and church openings depends on the Governor and Alameda County Health officials, at this point we have no date for further openings
- Finance Committee sent out their appeal
- The second grade had parents Reconciliation meeting
- Heat is on at Church, however, we do need to keep the windows and doors open for ventilation

#### **Cathy:**

- We cannot have the Christmas Giving Tree due to COVID restrictions; there will be an online link for donations
- Alameda County expected to go back to purple tier very soon.
- School parent volunteers are painting circles on the playground for social distancing
- We are hoping to have 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades return to school (K & TK already back)

- There are many volunteers that need to renew their Safe Environment training, it is a constant uphill battle
- There was a successful fingerprinting event on November 7th

**Michael-School Board:**

- There is a new video on the home page from the marketing committee
- They are working on a 5 year plan, hopefully renew invigoration
- Every Thursday Katie Murphy attends a 2 hour meeting with the County regarding Covid 19 updates

**New /Other Business:**

- Plans are starting for the search for a new principal
- Candidates are vetted, and if approved then interviewed by a school Interview Committee
- After the Holidays the pastoral council would like focus on future planning (3 or 5 year plan)
- How do we get more outreach improving the relationship between Church and school
- Can we sustain or do we need to consolidate with other schools
- Jerry reiterated they are seeing an increase in substance abuse and teenage suicide
- He said we need to prepare for the next four months, it will be a hard time with virus spread

**Upcoming/Past Events (All)**

- a. Reminder to encourage parishioners to make donations for St. Mary's Center: pantry/food & hygiene kits needed (Nov 8-30)
- b. Alameda Food Bank is in dire need of volunteers
- c. Wings is an ongoing online every Wednesday
- d. Advent by Candlelight will not happen this year
- e. Carrie needs head shots from Chris, Jerry and Mike.
- f. Next virtual meeting Thursday December 10th at 7:00 pm

The meeting concluded at 8:00 PM.