

**ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PASTORAL COUNCIL  
MEETING AGENDA**

Thursday, January 7, 2021; 6:30-8:00pm

**Attendance**

Fr. Ray McHenry	Ray Champlin
Blake Riffel	Randy Jensen
Brent Kock	Rob Manning
Charlie Graham	
Lisa Northup	
Monica Hoffman	

1. **Opening Prayer** Fr. Ray
2. **Approval of Meeting Agenda** All
3. **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes** All
4. **Pastoral Report** Fr. Ray
  - a. Annual Diocesan Appeal update: about \$325,000 contributed from the parish to date, but we are not yet at our goal. It is possible there may be a 5% rollback from the diocese. This would reduce our goal by \$20,400. New update from the diocese scheduled for 01/08/21.
  - b. Regathering - Mass attendance seems to be at its new baseline. The new Mass schedule is now permanent. Christmas attendance was slightly lower than expected and none of the Masses hit the signup total. Though some people went there, the gym and parish hall were not needed.
  - c. Together in Faith - January theme is holy families. More participants are needed in the "adult edition"; looking at what to do differently so that more people attend. Also need people to pick up the take home bags
  - d. Technology: Sound system adjustments continue. Sound depends on where people are seated and seems very specific. There is a sound tech working on this issue, but some fixes would destroy the aesthetics. Still waiting on the right software for the new screens. It is expected to be installed the week of 01/10/21.
5. **Old Business**
  - a. Liaison updates All
  - b. Charlie: Faith formation - Alpha is on pause. Plan for possible restart in the fall. It is now free to watch Together in Faith. Pay only for materials, Faith formation is interested in creating a welcome home event when able.
  - c. CRHP continuation committee - meets 01/12/21 to decide next steps - will likely restart in the fall - current group continue to have zoom meetings and will have 1.5 years formation
  - d. Many committees did not Meet in DEC, this month; check in with committees to make sure they have a good understanding of divine renovation
6. **New Business**
  - a. Vice Chair discernment: new vice chair is Rob Manning
  - b. Parishioner outreach, round 2: Deacon Bill is the point of contact for this. Outreach is now scheduled for Lent. Kevin McFarin will meet with Deacon Bill to help coordinate this. Volunteer signup is being sent again. Training will be provided for all volunteers.

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- c. Spring Discernment for Councils/Boards: timing of discernment is being discussed and will likely be mid-late February. All councils will undergo discernment at once. Multiple methods to advertise this process are planned to include social media, Parish email, school news and notes, pulpit talks and announcements at Mass as it may take longer to find the right people as some are attending Mass online. Timing of the discernment process needs to be mindful of spring break and Easter. Holding the informational meeting closer to interview week is felt to be optimal. Continued updates are planned.
    - i. discernment appointments likely in April
    - ii. New members attend May meeting
    - iii. 3<sup>rd</sup> year commencement = June meeting
  - d. Council Review and Regroup Blake Riffel
    - i. Fall review - highs and lows; lessons learned
    - ii. Support Father Ray in his work:
      - 1. count on staff to get things done right
      - 2. advise on how to rebuild momentum and re-energize the Parish as we continue to get back together, especially faith formation
      - 3. Be ready to invite and welcome people back into the Church
    - iii. What's next?
      - 1. Spring Pastoral Council goals
        - a. Set a concrete goal - hopeful and welcoming
        - b. Plan for how to welcome people back - possibilities include homecoming ceremony
  - e. Upcoming PC meetings Blake Riffel
    - i. Virtual meetings thru February (per Diocesan guidelines)
7. **Closing Prayer** Fr. Ray