CTK Parish Council Meeting

Monday, May 10, 2021

Present: Fr. Joe, Bill Clinton (calling in). Kevin Hogan, Peg Kuhn, Ron Paine, Dorothy Paine, Mike Rafferty, Bill Thomas, Sharon Torrenti, Lauren Girasoli

1. Opening Prayer
2. Father Joe’s Pandemic Update and Protocols

* Beginning with Pentecost Sunday, we can go back to more normal services.
* Separation tape comes down and people can sit where they want.
* Communion will be available in hands.
* We can revise the information on the signs on the doors and in the Narthex as needed. Continuing to use sanitizer and masks for everyone.
* Father Joe’s concern is for children who are not vaccinated.
* Should we keep a section of the church more distant for children? Might people feel more comfortable if we keep rows open? People may also make their own choice as to where to sit compared to others.
* We have many more people joining.
* It would be nice to continue an online presence for those who are shut in so they aren’t suddenly cut off.
* We could continue Zoom through May for all masses, and then gradually drop it down. Perhaps eventually the 10:30 would be the only.
* Daily mass generally has 25 log ins. Perhaps we can gradually cut it back to a few days a week rather than every day. Almost all of the daily mass attendees have been back in person for daily mass at some point.
* Father Joe will make this announcement to people in daily mass and over the weekend.
* Now that people have gotten their shots, they are hungry to come back in person.
* Another option is to use only one camera for daily mass rather than switching. This would be easier.
* We could take down the priests’ monitor.
* Bill, Ron, Ellen, and everyone working to put it on Zoom has not been a burden but a blessing.

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| Week | Saturday 5 p.m. | Sunday 8 a.m. | Sunday 10:30 a.m. |
| Easter |  |  | 184 |
| Following Week | 99 | 65 | 120 |
| May 9, 2021 | 94 | 82 | 127 |

1. Kevin Hogan—Pastoral Council Nominee Campaign / Election

* We need a ballot box. The forms are out there.
* Father Joe and Walter talked about it this weekend to think and pray about it.
* There are notices in the bulletin about where to find the nomination forms.
* Marylin borrowed a ballot box from the town hall.

1. Kiosk

* All the materials are here. The electrician has been here. It should take about two hours of labor.
* He’ll guide the wires in the ceiling with a plastic tube.

1. Events

* The comedian who did Father Misgivings is interested in coming back
* Perhaps in October

1. Harvest Festival

* We are still on for September 18
* We have the banners arranged with the town and approved by the state
* The Congregational Church is not doing the White Elephant Sale this summer
* There may be masks and limits to how many are in rooms at a given time.
* We should have a lot of stuff donated this year
* Some of our former volunteers are willing to come back
* We will have more information in the next few months

1. Council Member Photos and Updates to Social Media Platforms

* Ellen is harvesting photos on social media and people are sending pictures to her. This is so people will know who the council members
* There will also be pictures of everyone who is nominated so people can link a name with a face.

1. More on the Steeple

* Steve is going to talk with a company that he knows with a lift.
* Contractors are very busy right now.
* June might be a better time.
* Water is still collecting and dripping through

1. Closing Prayer

Next Meeting:

Monday, July 12