

## St. James Parish Council Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2021

**Present:** Terry Brecklin, Sharon Young, Kim Cavaliero-Keller, Lisa Kovaleski, Deacon Sandy Sites, Scott Granicki, Tim Khoury, Jill Lehnen, Chuck Demge, Joe Gonzalez, Chris Lodl

**Excused:** John Walker, Matthew Lehner

### Opening:

- Terry called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM and Sharon Young opened us in prayer.

### Strategic Planning:

- Lisa shared that the committee finalized mission and vision statements. They were included as attachments on the invitation to this monthly meeting. Everyone should review the documents which summarize the work the committee is doing. Lisa highlighted a couple of ideas and concepts that the committee is considering. The largest issues are shifts in basic mindsets we are operating from as we form the plan.
- Deacon Sandy suggested that documents should be dated and the author identified going forward to be able to reference and understand history, as these documents evolve.
- The Council discussed some of the concepts of the documents and asked clarifying questions.

### New Business:

- Council Terms Expire - Jill and John Walker are both ending their two 3-year terms of office (6 year maximum has been reached). Terry Brecklin will put something into the bulletin to recruit new members. Lisa's 3-year term ends this year; she will discern whether she will continue for another 3-year term.
- Short discussion about whether council will continue remotely via zoom or hybrid or in-person. Deacon Sandy suggested waiting until new council is in place and let the new council members decide.
- Terry asked current council if for the May/June meeting if we should meet in person or stay via zoom. Consensus was to stay with zoom

### Committee Reports:

- Finance - Joe reported that the parish is continuing to perform adequately despite low offertory. The committee is working on budget for 2021-2022.
- No other committee reports at this time.

### **Parish Director's Report- Deacon Sandy Sites**

- **Mass attendance-** Deacon Sandy noted that church attendance seemed to increase over Lent and peaked over Easter. H said it is encouraging to see so many people return.
- **Covid -** We are continuing to increase face-to-face meetings within the church. More groups are meeting in person, including the Men's group, lectors, etc. There has been discussion about why we need to be masked while at ambo despite other parishes not requiring such.
- **Summer Mass -** June, July and August - one Sunday mass will be offered at 9:00 AM.
- **Pre- Mass-** Parish Council members invited to participate on the last Sunday/weekend of month.
- **All are Welcome –** Deacon Sandy suggested that we put a large sign that is more explicit about all are welcome and defining all groups beyond "all are welcome." Deacon Sandy welcomes any feedback on this idea and understand it may require some education. In general, Council members agreed this is a good idea and we should pursue it.

### **Closing:**

- Deacon Sandy closed committee in prayer at 7:56 PM.