

St. Henry's Pastoral Council

Meeting (10/18/2022)

X	Linda Banker	X	Pat Mosher
E	Rita Evans	X	Deacon Bob Pasquarelli
E	Maryann Francis	X	Kathy Petley
X	Roberta Harvey	X	Marj Ritzer
E	Cyndi Herman	X	Marsha Wereb
X	Lisa Hutchinson	E	Peter David Wrenn

Guest: Trustee Gail Lindeman

I. Opening Prayer

II. Approval of Minutes

- Review of September meeting's minutes.
- Noted corrections and/or clarifications? One correction noted. Updated version will be sent to Peter.
- Approval & Posting to website (Peter).

III. Old Business

- Pastoral Council Succession Plan
 - Officer: Pending Vice Chair vacancy; Any prospects? None identified at this time.
- Transitory Period
 - Diocese of Albany:
Deacon Bob will attend a meeting at the diocese on Thursday, 10/20.
Fr. Cronin is here as a substitute until a pastor is assigned. He may be staying at the Rectory on the weekends.
 - Parish Profile:
Completed and submitted to diocese in August.
 - Parish Website:
Continuing to review website and update as necessary.
Have a new Facebook page and information is updated daily. Request made to have email sent to parish with information related to new Facebook page.
 - Diocese Support:
St. Henry's has received considerable support from the diocese during this transitory period.
The church is considered a 501c3 corporation.
- Fire Alarm System Replacement: Pulpit presentation and solicitation expected within the next month.

IV. New Business

- Capital Campaign Project

- Building Accessibility Renovation (Rear of Church): Greco's contract was approved by the Diocese with one small edit requested. Awaiting final signatures. Expect work will begin soon!
- Faith Formation
 - One hundred (100) youth registered: 70 elementary and 30 middle/high school.
 - Fourteen (14) confirmation candidates.
 - Planning Family Projects:
 - 1.) Julie Hanson and Sarah Tripp are hoping to organize a parish nativity float in the town Christmas parade. Children/animals will need to be secured on float; safety is paramount.
 - Wondering if any churches in SLAC are planning to participate. A non-living nativity scene would not be an issue.
 - 2.) Ornament painting/cookie swap night
 - 3.) Requesting consideration to hold Christmas pageant this year (pending final approval from Fr. John and Deacon Bob)
 - 4.) Sunday, December 4—St. Nicholas Feast
- Finance Committee
 - Committee met on Tuesday, October 11.
 - No concerns or issues to report.
 - Focus is to provide/update required documentation of meeting minutes and actions of the committee.
 - Currently looking for a replacement accountant as current accountant departed St. Henry's in October.
 - Income and expenditures have been nearly balanced over the recent few months.
- Pastoral Care (see attached update)
- Parish Community
 - “How best may we (re-)build & promote community?”
 - Coffee Hour is a good start;
 - Parish suppers and Seder meal;
 - Soup suppers during Advent and/or Lent;
 - During Advent, prayer group over Zoom or small group sessions;
 - Bag lunch program(s);
 - Movie and discussion;
 - Eucharistic Prayer Service on Thanksgiving Day—Joan Pasquarelli will work with youth to help make mini loaves of Italian bread;
 - Phone call/letter/postcard with Mass schedule:
 - to personally invite parishioners back after COVID;
 - possibly once new pastor assigned or for holiday(s); and
 - families of newly baptized, RCIA, new families to parish.
 - Advertiser article with Mass schedule.
- Other?
 - SLAC: St. Henry's will be hosting ecumenical Thanksgiving service on November 20 at 7pm. There will be a joint choir and refreshments after in Community Room.
 - Baptisms continue.

- RCIA is now known as OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults). The program is now a faith-forming path. Individuals will receive sacraments when ready. A number of individuals have come forward who would like to be confirmed.
- Diocese has suggested a joint meeting between Finance Committee and Pastoral Council; suggested to hold during our next meeting on November 15.

V. Executive Session (not needed)

VI. Next Meeting

- Tuesday, November 15th at 7:00 PM in the Community Room

VII. Closing Prayer