

St. Leonard Parish Council Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2021

6pm via Zoom

Attendees: Fr. Lou, Ashley

Parish Council Members: Lauren Riley, John Wilcox, Katie Garbarino, David Underwood, Joe Skidmore, Jason Volz

MAC Members: Fran Mastropaolo, Carol Sexton

1. Prayer – Fr. Lou
2. MAC Team/Structure discussion connecting us back to discernment ideas - 25 mins
 - Brief Update on MAC committee:

Three main goals were derived from the discernment process:

1. Maintain Membership
2. Welcome New Parishioners
3. Social Outreach

An update on the action plan. Some events and items have been checked off of that plan (Bingo, and Movie Nights). The list needs revisited to check off the list things that have been done.

Some of the old committees had over lap with the MAC committee. Parish life for example, could support all three items. Goal was for MAC committees would generate the ideas and jumpstart the action toward the goals. MAC was originally set up to make goals and be overseer.

Fran would like some clarification on the set up. She would prefer if a committee would direct her on events and activities. Is there a way to connect the sub committees? What are Parish Councils expectations of Parish life? She is looking for guidance.

Katie was on the retain membership task. Worship committee has absorbed those tasks. Also wasn't sure who was on MAC committees. Do we need all these different committees? Not a clear definition of committees.

Might need to rely on MAC to generate projects. A backlog of these exists from previous discussions.

Parish Life, Administration Worship and Formation are still other committees out there. Formation doesn't currently exist.

Self-reflection and evaluation, oversight might need more thought. Parish Council needs to generate a way to measure and provide accountability. List from original MAC action items will be redistributed. Lauren will follow up and set up a meeting to discuss more.

Outreach Committee Chair (Carol Sexton) Update:

- Pocket Prayer Quilt are being distributed – Worked Masonic Home, Nazareth, United Crescent Hill Ministries

- United Crescent Hill Ministries is active – She currently sits on board. In March we are gathering Mac and Cheese and Peanut Butter, After School Tutoring
- St. Vincent De Paul – Not currently serving due to CoVID
- Leonard Ladies – Doing a few projects.

Katie Update:

- Working on Easter and Lenten reflections. Online and pamphlets distributions are being generated
- Still Making calls to older folks.
- How can we invite parishioners back to in person services? Could use more reflection as things are opening back up.

Ashley Update:

- New parishioner committee is still needing some attention.

Communications update - 10 mins (Ashley)

- Website is making progress. Talgrace has received all updates and comments from Ashley and others. Draft website is available. Ashley to do first review of the site. From there she will send to multiple folks for review. Hoping for Mid March for a live website.

Lent/Holy Week/Easter prep - 10 mins (Lou and Ashley)

- Office of worship has provided guidance for Holy Week to all parishes
 - No washing of feet
 - No procession on Psalm Sunday
 - Cantors will be start back on Psalm Sunday
- 2 young men will be baptized at Pentecost
- St. Francis of Rome needs to do some interior infrastructure work. Will need a 4-week period for scaffolding. Can St. Francis of Rome hold services at St. Leonard? Will be week after Easter. Parish Council confirmed this plan.

Next Steps - 5 (Lauren)

- Lauren to follow up with MAC communication and an update meeting
- Chuck Willenbrink has stepped down from the chair of the Administration Committee. He has served on the committee in some capacity for the past 15 years. Teresa and others will be reviewing possible volunteers to step up.