

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 18, 2020
ZOOM MEETING

“CHERISHED, CHARGED, CHALLENGED”

At-Large Members	Commission Representatives	Ex-Officio Representatives
Brittany Tres *	Faith & Spiritual Formation – Carrie Wujek*	Rev. Joseph Kappilumakkal *
David Johanneson *	Finance – Susan Wood O’Leary*	Rev. Philip Danaher *
Michael McCormick*	Parish Life – Deb Scheckel	Janet Simmons *
Alison Ohl *	Service – Linda Bailey	
	Stewardship and PPC Chair - Barbara Mambu*	
	Worship – Jeff Balsewicz *	

* Attended

Opening Prayer: Alison Ohl
Meeting Notes: Janet Simmons

Welcome and Introductions

New Council members Brittany Tres, Michael McCormick and Carrie Wujek were introduced and briefly shared their biographies and connections to St. Thomas. Todd Galer, Mary Beth Nagai and Anne Scanlan completed their terms in June; thanks to them for their years of service on the Council.

Quick Commission Updates:

Faith Formation – Carrie Wujek reported the Commission is planning a parish-wide reading of “Just Mercy” by Bryan Stevenson, along with a series of virtual group discussions of the book by section. Detailed planning continues. This book reading is an activity in support of the “Challenged” part of our parish theme.

Worship Commission – Possible plan for Fr. Brad Zamora to conduct a workshop for the Worship Commission.

Service Commission – Linda Bailey provided a written report for Pastoral Care and Outreach and Social Justice; highlight discussed were the need for additional Transitional Housing Ministry mentors and success of the drive-thru food collection for Care Pantry. Pastoral Care provided an update to emergency procedures guidelines.

Finance & Administration – Susan Wood O’Leary reported that Sunday collections for the first part of the fiscal year are trending at budgeted levels. The revenue outlook is uncertain and the Finance Council will closely monitor revenue and expense trends.

Stewardship Commission – no update

Parish Life – no update

Parish Council Diocesan Guidelines Discussion

Council Chairwoman Barb Mambu provided electronically the Diocesan guidelines (available through dioceseofjoliet.org) to all Council members. Council discussed roles, responsibilities and structure. One

item highlighted is Council's role in "meeting the needs" of parishioners; surveys were discussed as a potentially fruitful method of assessing parishioner satisfaction and progress in various areas.

Parish goals and objectives were also discussed. Council members were encouraged to discern work to be accomplished in the coming year and beyond.

Barb highlighted a sense of excited anticipation for our newly appointed bishop, who will be installed soon. Several other Council members shared that they had heard very positive things about our new bishop from others as well.

Barb also praised the First Communion team of Patti, Lorraine and Marge, for the wonderful milestone experiences they provided for parish second-graders and their families despite the challenging coronavirus environment.

Closing Prayer – Allison Ohl

Closing and Open prayers for next meeting: Susan Wood O'Leary

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday September 15, 2020, 7:00pm