

All Saints Catholic Church
COMMISSION CHAIRS MEETING BY ZOOM
Tuesday, February 16, 2021 – 6 p.m.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Sandra Melcher at 6:04 pm.

Present: Bea Frazier (Prayer and Worship Commission), Joe Bova (Human Concerns Commission), Joyce Simms (Trustee – Pastoral Council), Nathaniel Gillon - (Chair - Pastoral Council), Rich and Sandra Melcher (Formation Commission)

The Opening Prayer was offered by Sandra Melcher.

Adoption of agenda was approved.

The minutes for November 17, 2020 meeting were approved.

Commission Updates

- Prayer and Worship – Bea Frazier will be meeting with Fr. Arthur to prepare for Holy Week and Easter. Ash Wednesday is on March 17th. Masses with distribution of ashes will be held at All Saints at 8:30 am and 4 pm and at St. Martin de Porres at 12 Noon and 7 pm.
- Human Concerns – Joe Bova has been appointed by Fr. Arthur as Temporary Chair for Human Concerns Commission. No meeting was held in January and members did not attend the February meeting. Joe is working with Rosemary Murphy and Nathaniel Gillon to recruit new members.
- Formation – The Scripture Discussion Group is now meeting on Zoom twice per week – Sundays at 9:30 am and Wednesdays at 12 Noon. At the request of Fr. Arthur and the Parish Council, the Formation Commission has also planned Stations of the Cross prayer sessions on Thursday evenings on Zoom at 6 pm on February 18th, 25th, March 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th. Planning for Earth Day on April 22nd and *Laudato Si* is in progress with focus on Lead Poison Prevention (working with community resources and the Milwaukee Health Department). The original in-person Earth Day program was approved by the Parish Council and Fr. Arthur for 2020-2021. However, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, those plans must be cancelled, and virtual programs planned in their place. When finalized, the virtual sessions will be presented to the Parish Council and Fr. Arthur for approval.

Pastoral Council

- Season of Lent – praying together
- Pastoral Council will develop phone tree to call parishioners in March and April. Volunteers are needed to make the calls. Please send names to Nathaniel Gillon to volunteer.
Volunteers will call and check on parishioners' spiritual wellness during Lent. They will be informed of Lenten Mass Schedule, virtual prayer opportunities such as Stations of the Cross and more.
- All Saints and St. Martin de Porres may be locations to provide COVID-19 vaccinations in the community. Tonya Johnson is waiting to hear from the Milwaukee Health Department to work out details.

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- They are still looking for ways to clean the church. Holy Apostles does have sanitizing machine which is one option that will be investigated.
- Vevette Hill-Nwagaboracha will present virtual religious education programs for Baptism and First Communion for the youth on weekends.
- Church income in 2020 was less than in previous years. Loan will save us; Black and Indian Grant will pay for Religious Education on going expenses including staff and materials.
- Focus is on how to get people back in church?
- Family of Mrs Clotee George is requesting that Happy Birthday cards be sent to her for her 97th birthday on February 28th.
- The business that prints the church bulletin will work with All Saints to provide free publication of parish newsletter that will focus on the sick, funerals and other important, timely information.
- The Pastoral Council wants the Prayer and Worship Commission to meet to plan for Holy Week. Also, explore drive by pick up of palms for Easter and partnering with others.

New Business

Commission Budgets and Proposals for 2021-2022 are due March 19, 2021. They are due earlier this year because Tonya Johnson is preparing two budgets for two parishes this year. Please send proposals to Sandra Melcher by **March 17, 2021**.

Announcements

Next CC meeting date – **Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 6 pm on Zoom**

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Melcher
Recorder

All Saints Catholic Church
COMMISSION CHAIRS MEETING
Tuesday, November 17, 2020 – 6 p.m.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Sandra Melcher at 6:05 pm.

Present: Bea Frazier (Prayer and Worship Commission), Celia Jackson (Human Concerns Commission), Joyce Simms (Trustee – Pastoral Council), Nathaniel Gillon - (Chair - Pastoral Council), Rich and Sandra Melcher (Formation Commission)

The Opening Prayer was offered by Sandra Melcher.

Adoption of agenda was approved.

The minutes for July 21st and September 15th meetings were approved.

Commission Updates

---Prayer and Worship – Bea Frazier will be meeting with Fr. Arthur to prepare for Christmas. Bea reported that Fr. Arthur is requesting a change in time from 3 pm to 4 pm on Saturday's Mass because it is too dark for seniors. The Archbishop must approve the change. Some parishioners are asking when the 8 am Mass on Sundays will resume. Alternate times such as 7:00, 7:30 or 7:45 a.m. for the 8 am Mass were discussed.

---Human Concerns – Celia Jackson thanked everyone who helped with the 2020 elections. The Reset the Table Zoom webinars were successful with 80+ signups from throughout the diocese and All Saints (26); the project is a model for other parishes in the archdiocese. Continued discussions on racism will be coordinated by Joe Bova and focus on institutional and systemic change. Celia shared her concerns regarding All Saints Feast Day on November 1st and the lack of activities and recognition of our parish's feast day because of the COVID-19. Celia also announced her resignation as Human Concerns Commission Chair effective December 31, 2020. Nathaniel Gillon as Pastoral Council (PC) Chair thanked her for her outstanding work and service to the parish, diocese and community over the years. The community building projects such as the White Paper and collaborations by the Human Concerns Commission under Celia's leadership were excellent and impactful.

---Formation – Sandra Melcher – The Scripture Discussion Group is now meeting on Zoom twice per week – Sundays at 9:30 am and Wednesdays at 12 Noon.

---Parish Life – Joyce Simms reported that this item is on hold until further notice.

Pastor Update – this agenda item will not be on future CC agendas since the Pastor meets regularly with the Pastoral Council.

Pastoral Council Update – Nathaniel Gillon, PC Chair. The 1st Sunday of Advent on November 29th All Saints may honor the retirement of former Faith Formation Director Cecilia Smith-Robertson

and others who should be recognized. A memorial Mass for all who have died from the COVID-19 will be done and recognition of people who set up for Advent and Christmas will be recognized. MLK Prayer Service is Saturday, January 16, 2021 at 1:30 on Zoom.

Joyce Simms reported on PC response to CC recommendation on Newsletter. The PC supports the newsletter. Joyce shared that the Bulletin is returning. It will be 6 pages and posted on the church website. A newsletter will be shorter than the Bulletin and created for everyone in the parish. It will include notification of deaths, funeral arrangements, priest visits because of the pandemic, return to Mass info, changes of Mass times, etc. Deaths, weddings, retirements. Names of sub-committee to work on the newsletter should be submitted to Nathaniel Gillon, PC Chair, Fr. Arthur, Tonya Johnson and Lori O'Konek – PC Secretary.

Announcements

Next meeting date – Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 6 pm on Zoom
Advent, Outreach – Thanksgiving donations for parishioners – contact Rosemary Murphy, Outreach and Meal Program Director

Closing Prayer was offered by Sandra Melcher

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Melcher

All Saints Catholic Church Commission Chairs Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2020

Present: Celia Jackson, Rich Melcher, Sandra Melcher, Nathaniel Gillon, Joyce Simms

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Sandra Melcher. Opening prayer was offered by Sandra. The agenda was adopted with one addition. The minutes for June 16, 2020 were approved by consensus with one amendment.

2020-2021 Commission Budget and Calendar Requests

The next step after approval by the Pastoral and Finance Councils, is to review each proposal and determine when to submit dates for the church calendar. This is on hold until church gathering restrictions due to the pandemic are lifted by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

CC Meeting Participation

There was discussion and consensus about CC meeting participation and the need for support of commissions:

1. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee requires the appointment, functioning and support of 4 commissions at each parish in the diocese: Formation, Human Concerns, Parish Life and Worship Commissions.
2. The Commission Chairs meet to coordinate, collaborate, receive guidance from the Council and Pastor and to align their respective commission to support the parish mission, operations and Pastoral Council.
3. The 4 commissions plan more than programs.
4. More discussion is needed to affirm support and the need for alignment of commissions at All Saints.

Commission Updates

Human Concerns – Celia Jackson

1. Voter Education Training will be presented on Zoom by Celia on July 22nd.
2. Fessahaye Mebrahtu, Director of the Black Catholic and Ethnic Ministries Office, Archdiocese of Milwaukee, met on July 20th with the Human Concerns Commission to develop a racism curriculum for small groups at All Saints. It will be a model for other parishes in the diocese.
3. Human Concerns is requesting posting “8can’twait” (a series of actions dealing with police departments) on the parish website.

Formation – Sandra Melcher

1. Margie Morgan, Creative Spirit Ministry, is working on the gift of appreciation wall hanging for St. Dominic Parish. Fr. Arthur has approved the design.
2. The commission is reviewing demographics for All Saints region.
3. The commission will review their 2020-2021 budget requests to determine which programs can move forward despite the pandemic.
4. The next meeting is a phone conference call on Monday, July 27, 2020 at 6 pm.

Parish Life – No report

Worship – No report

Pastor Updates – No Report

Pastoral Council –

Nathaniel Gillon, PC Chair, reports that the 2020-2021 Parish Budget (including Commissions budgets) has been adopted. The PC met with youth. Human Concerns Commission questions will be placed on church website. Fr. Arthur has authorized Ted Zimmer to update parishioner contact information. A parish newsletter is very much needed to maintain connections with parishioners.

There was no new business.

Announcements – Commendations on the Black Catholic March (BCMC) for Racial Justice on Saturday, July 11, 2020. Approximately 300 marchers participated. News and social media of the event was very well done. Sponsored by the Black Catholic Ministry Commission of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and other diocesan offices, the BCMC will meet to plan future events to maintain racial awareness and solidarity with other racial justice programs and events in Milwaukee. Sandra Melcher will share the 8 page program booklet with BCMC Statement in Response to Police Violence in America with CC meeting participants. BCMC is working with the Archdiocese to use parts of the booklet for future events in the diocese and diocesan parishes.

Next meeting – Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 6 pm

Recorder,

Sandra Melcher