

All Saints Catholic Church Formation Commission
Meeting Minutes – Monday, March 29, 2021– 6:00 P.M.
Zoom Meeting

Attendance: Carolyn Cameron, Rich Melcher, Sandra Melcher, Margie Morgan, Jolie Zimmer

Excused: Dawn Simmons

Sandra called the meeting to order at 6:12 P.M. Rich opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes of the March 15, 2021, meeting were approved as written.

Lead Poisoning Abatement Project

1. Phase One: Obtain brochures and information from the Milwaukee Health Department

Sandra contacted Joanna Keenan, enrollment Specialist for the MHD Lead Abatement Program. (completed) The Milwaukee Health Department will

- Decide on and provide 500 Milwaukee-based brochures on identifying lead poisoning and removing lead from houses
- Explore the feasibility of helping us to defray postage costs.
- Will give us information on clinics that do lead testing. (in process)

2. Phase Two: Get approval from Fr. Arthur

Margie met with Fr. Arthur about this proposed project. (completed) He supports our efforts but advises us to begin activities after the Easter Season, i.e., after Pentecost, May 23. The actual Lead Information Project will not begin until after this date.

Fr. Arthur invited Margie to speak to our congregation at Mass about our project after the Easter Season.

At that Mass after the Easter Season, Fr. Arthur has approved that we can:

- Add an appropriate petition for Mass
- Make up a prayer.
- Have Julie add the prayer to the ASCC website (in process)
- Margie volunteered to contact Bea Frazier, Chair of the Prayer and Worship Commission about our ideas because they may want to be involved.

Old Business:

1. Budget Proposals:

Sandra summarized the budget proposals submitted by the commissions. The commissions requested approximately \$6400 to support proposals. The Formation Commission requested about \$1500 to support its ministries. Some of the monies may already be available through Black and Indian Mission Grant monies. We will work with

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Ms. Tonya Johnson (Administrative Services) on this. Pastoral Council and Finance Council decisions on our requests will be made in May. (in process)

2. Women's Retreat Update:
CeeJhay Jackson reported that the October 2021, Women's Retreat will be held on-line. Facilitators are already being identified. It has not yet been decided if it will be for one or two days. Reservations for the 2022 retreat at the Siena Center will be made.
3. Commission Chairs continue to meet bi-monthly. Parish Life Commission has been changed back to Stewardship Commission. Members are being recruited by Nathaniel Gillon (PC Chair) and Joe Bova (Interim Human Concerns Commission Chair. The Human Concerns Commission is planning a Hello Neighbor project that if approved will focus on social equality in the area of racial justice.
4. Parish Council – Sandra reported on the Parish Council's project - Spiritual/Physical Wellness Calls: These were made to parishioners without access to the Internet to find out how they are faring in soul and body during these stressful times. One parishioner who was called reported that she was very pleased with the Religious Education classes offered on Zoom. This info was shared with Vevette Hill-Nwagbaraocha and that the Formation Commission is interested in working with her to support Religious Education.
5. On-Line Stations of the Cross, Lent 2021:
Total attendance for all six sessions was 50 people, more for Stations held in church in previous years. It was a success. Some expressed a wish to continue prayer opportunities like this. Possibilities include the rosary and novenas.

New Business:

6. New Parish Bulletin:
It is available, both paper and on-line. Sandra will send the link to Formation Commission for access and subscribe to the new parish bulletin.

The meeting ended at 7:00 with the Our Father.

Next Zoom meeting, Monday, April 26, 2021, at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolie Zimmer, Secretary

All Saints Catholic Church Formation Commission
Meeting Minutes – Monday, June 15, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.
Conference Call

Attendance: Carolyn Cameron; Nathaniel Gillon, Pastoral Council Chair; Rich Melcher; Sandra Melcher; Dawn Simmons; Jolie Zimmer

Sandra called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M. and offered an opening prayer by the U.S. Catholic Bishops' Ad Hoc Committee to Address Racism.

The minutes of the May 12, 2020, meeting were approved as written.

New Business

Formation Section of ASCC Statement in Response to Police Violence in America

1. The Human Concerns Commission will meet on June 15, 2020 to create a draft of a statement which may include ASCC's mission statement, its beliefs and recommendations regarding police violence and racism as well as strategies for positive change. This commission has requested that parish commissions and others submit their ideas to be incorporated into the statement. With approval and determination of next steps, the final statement will be distributed. [in process]

Sandra read a preliminary draft that she and Rich wrote. All those present endorsed it.

2. Other ideas were then offered which will be added to the preliminary draft:
 - Senior parish members want their voices to be heard even though they were not able to participate in recent protest marches. Nathaniel
 - Fear, ignorance, and guilt on both sides, mentioned in the Pastoral Plan for Black Catholics, should be included. Carolyn
 - The Zeidler Center for Public Discussion, 613 N. 19th Street, holds open discussions on important community issues as well as training for discussion leaders. This could be a resource for ASCC-initiated discussion opportunities in the future. Dawn
 - Initiatives already in place include a discussion group at St. Monica Church. Nathaniel
 - The Catholic Herald has featured eight substantive articles by Fessahaye Mebrahtu, the Archdiocesan Director of Black Catholic and Ethnic Ministries and ASCC member. He has written about the African contribution to early Christianity as well as about his experience and views on racism. Sandra
 - All Saints has a unique potential to bring together a cross-section of Catholics of the diocese for discussion and understanding. Jolie

Sandra will incorporate these ideas into the draft she and Rich have written. [in process]

3. The group then discussed the responsibility of the Formation Commission regarding accountability, timelines, and specific next steps to implement the parts of the statement relating to Formation and Evangelization. Working with Fr. Arthur and the Pastoral Council, we must plan and take action on our ideas. [in process]
4. Other topics discussed:
 - Recommendations from the Black Catholic Pastoral Plan, published in November 2019 in response to the Archdiocesan Synod held in 2014. Each parish is responsible for implementing

its recommendations. Our Commission will discuss our specific responsibilities for Formation and Evangelization and work with the Pastoral Council to implement. [in process]

Old Business

1. Commission Chairs Meeting: Commission Chairs discussed accommodations put in place for the reopening on Mass on May 31. Sandra offered our commission's thoughts to the group. [completed]
2. Cancellations: All parish in-person meetings are now held in conference calls or Zoom meetings until further notice. The annual parish picnic, sponsored by the Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver, has been cancelled for this year. [completed]
3. Parish communication consists of emails, postings on church website, church Facebook page and robocalls to parishioners from Fr. Arthur. The Formation Commission again emphasized the importance of a weekly email newsletter from the Pastor, Pastoral Council, staff and commissions. Formation Commission members and all parishioners should refer often to the ASCC Parish website and its Facebook page. [in process]

Dawn closed the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting ended at 7:27. The next meeting is Monday, July 27, 2020 at 6 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jolie Zimmer, Secretary