

# St. George Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2021

6:30 pm, Zoom Meeting

## Attendees

- Clergy: Fr. Stephen Sledesky, Fr. Dennis Vincenzo. Trustees: Margot Burkle, Bill White. Members: Elaine Carter, Yolande Eldridge, Maureen Fuest, Valerie LeShane, Criona O'Brien, Cara Correll. Debra Falvey, Harold Hutchinson Peer Minister: Bobby Haig, Matthew Celotto on phone
- Absent: Joyce Ippolito

**Opening Prayer/Reflection:** Fr. Stephen led the opening prayer.

**Welcome/Acceptance of March 21 Meeting Minutes:** Yolande asked for the acceptance of the March meeting minutes and they were accepted unanimously.

**Pastor Report:** Fr. Stephen gave the Pastor Report, saying that the Easter services were all beautiful celebrations despite the restriction and numbers in attendance. Every available spot was taken at each Mass. The outdoor Mass was a huge success and very much appreciated by those who still feel uncomfortable attending. The Government announced loosening of restrictions but what does that mean for us? We still need to wear masks and adhere to the 6' separation. We have screens on all our windows and they can be opened during services. Fr. reported that people are cooperative in terms of wearing masks and following social distancing rules.

Fr. also reported about the Forward with Faith Campaign virtual is on Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 and Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 and reservations are required, sign up on St. George website.

Fr. reported that the large banner was installed at the front of the church but he has not heard any feedback.

May crowning this coming Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:45 outdoor statue of Mary. Inside crowning of Mary at the 10:00 Mass.

ESCA Graduation is June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Steve Angrisano is a dynamic contemporary musician who could come and perform at a Sunday evening event in October 2022. Free Will offering.

A survey will be sent to all parishioners through Flock Note or Survey Monkey just answering a couple of questions about how they feel and what they feel comfortable with going forward.

**Peer Ministry Report:** Bobby Haig gave the Peer Ministry report. He said that not much has been happening and no events going on right now. Confirmation classes will be 90 minutes long and will involve speakers and subsequent discussion; there will be a virtual option for those who are not

comfortable attending in person. Matt Celotto is our new Peer Minister and Yolande will ask Claire if she can suggest another student.

**Cara** reported that they are in the middle of First Holy Communion preparations and yesterday was the first class and they loved it. There is a retreat next weekend but we still do not know about what is going on in the Fall.

### **President Report**

**Yolande** reported about the nomination process and there are 6 openings and 4 current candidates. May 15<sup>th</sup> there will be a 5 PM zoom meeting with the candidates. The Pastoral Council website is being updated by Francine.

Yolande asked for volunteers to speak at all the Masses on May 2<sup>nd</sup> about the Pastoral Council. She expressed that we need to get young people more involved in the church activities. We need more social events for young families. Involve Diane Beardsall and Sr. Kathleen and ask if they can recommend anyone. Set goals to bring in younger generation. Yolande also announced names of PC candidates. She also discussed the possibility of a new Flower Ministry to bring flowers to people in nursing homes and to people in their own homes who receive Meals on Wheels. Maybe we call it Flowers on Wheels. We need to plant flowers in our community garden (Margot volunteered) and Yolande asked that we all save our vases for this ministry. Criona volunteered to help with the Community garden.

Outdoor masses beginning in June for the Summer. Committee is Yolande, Valerie and Margot.

Deb volunteered to reach out to the Eucharistic Ministers and the Adult Choir.

Last meeting will be either at Jacobs Beach or Fireman's Field.

### **Closing comments/prayer**

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on May 23rd at 6:30 pm via Zoom only.