

## **Our Lady of Peace Parish Finance Council Meeting – June 1, 2021 at 9:00 am Virtual**

ATTENDEES: Rev. Mark Baron, Dave Bertram, Mike Clark, Bill Chromizky, Bill Lucas, Sandra Sobotka and Kellie Moore -Business Manager.

### **Opening Prayer**

1 – Fr. Mark opened the meeting at 9:00 am with a prayer. The April 2021 minutes were approved by the council.

### **2 – Religious Education**

All sacraments have been completed for the school year. Fr. Mark has hired a new full time DRE who will join the OLOP staff on 7/1/21. In addition, OLOP and Christ the Servant will partner their RE programs for the 21-22 year. All students will attend classes at the OLP campus. Further information regarding an open house for both OLP and CTS families will follow in the coming weeks.

### **3 – Master Plan**

All parish surveys have been mailed to parishioners and sent through survey monkey/Flocknote. The results will be reviewed by the Parish Planning Committee to determine best use of the parish-school facilities. Representatives of the parish will attend the DOJ Facilities meeting on August 12, 2021 to discuss the results of the master plan survey and possible next steps for the parish.

### **4- COVID-19**

The parish continues to use the reservation system but also encourages walk-ins to attend mass as well. There is a designated section “purple” for parishioners who wish to social distance in church. At this time, masks are still required per the Diocese of Joliet.

### **5 – School Facility Use**

As the parish is allowed to hold gatherings the school classrooms and gym will be used for meetings and events with prior permission of Fr. Mark. New procedures for usage are being developed to ensure all groups follow proper safety/security measures on campus.

### **6 – Parish Budgets**

The 2021-22 parish budgets were discussed and approved by the Finance Council. The school department will no longer be used to record activity and all revenue and expenses relating to the school building will be recorded under the parish accounts. The 2021-22 budgets will be submitted with approval to the Diocese of Joliet by June 7, 2021. The audit response letter is due to the DOJ by July 27, 2021.

## **7-Parish Golf Outing**

A parish golf outing has been scheduled for July 16, 2021 at Cog Hill golf course.

All parishioners are invited to attend for golf and/or dinner. The proceeds will benefit the parish. The golf outing is in memory of Danny Gurtner who was a parishioner of Our Lady of Peace Parish for many years.

## **Financial & Other Reports**

### **Sunday Offertory (2)to**

The Sunday offertory actual vs budget YTD was reviewed. Through May 2021, the offertory is at a budget surplus of \$17,188 through week 47. The 20-21 weekly budget is \$16,500. The number of parishioners using the online donation service has increased to 355 donors. The Finance council recommended a plan to increase offertory. In addition, this should include engaging with parishioners through social media, videos and on site activities to welcome parishioners back to church. Fr. Mark will consider contacting an outside firm for services.

### **Food Pantry**

Year to date donations are currently \$104,670 through May 2021, that's \$36,179 ahead of year to date May 2020. The food pantry continues to serve 50-60 families per week from our surrounding communities.

### **CMAA 2021**

The parish surpassed its 2021 annual goal of \$95,000. Current pledges are \$152,174 from 535 donors through May 24, 2021. The current rebate the parish will receive is \$28,864.

Fr. Mark closed the meeting with a prayer at 10:15 am.

**Next Finance Council Meeting – July 21, 2021 at 9:00 am**