

St. Ignatius of Antioch Church  
Pastoral Council Meeting  
January 12, 2021

Meeting called to order: 6:00 PM

Council members present via Zoom:

- Father Robert, Will Avitabile, Catherine Vidaurri, Steve Andreatta, Vince Augusta, David Nelson, Susannah Nelson, Reggia Desmond

Council members absent:

- Bill Barbanica

No Finance Council Liaison member present.

Opening prayer – Steve Andreatta

December 2020 Pastoral Council Minutes approved with corrections.

On-Going Projects – Will Avitabile

- Building Projects
  - Waiting on second (lower) bid from contractor.
  - Accepted new bid on chain link, covered garbage enclosure of \$20,000.
  - Outstanding building pledges are at \$200,000. Finance Council looking for ideas to encourage parishioners to complete pledges sooner than later. Pledges were 2-3 year duration, just completing first year.
  - Building construction scheduled to start in the spring after the rainy season.
  - Finance Council finalizing 2021 Budget.
- Virtual Ministry Fair – Reggia Desmond
  - An Email was sent to all St. Ignatius Ministry Leaders inviting ministries to prepare a 3-5 minute presentation (video, PowerPoint, etc.) describing their ministry that can be distributed via Flocknote, Facebook and St. Ignatius website.
  - No responses as of this meeting, except that a Mary's Project Ministry Leader will be needed to replace Kathleen Clarke.
- Pastoral Council Article
  - Catherine prepared an article describing what the Pastoral Council was discussing during 2020. The article will be placed in this Sunday's insert or bulletin.
- Moving Forward – Will Avitabile
  - Minutes from the past Strategic Planning Meetings were distributed to Pastoral Council for review and discussion.
  - Review of Strategic Planning Meeting minutes found that there was consistency in goals from 2014 to present.
  - What will church look like when Father Robert retires? St. Ignatius will require a strong administrative, financial and organizational structure.
  - St. Ignatius is a viable church, financially, socially, etc. Self-sufficient organizationally and spiritually. The Diocese is aware of how strong St. Ignatius is.
  - Bishop Barber is not willing to use lay personnel in church administration.

- David and Susannah Nelson of the Pastoral Council have volunteered to develop a survey to ask the “people in the pews” What they want? How are they doing? What they expect when coming back to inside church? Survey will be short, simple, direct questions. Survey will be distributed prior to returning to inside church. Assure that all parishioners are included in survey.

#### When We Come Back Inside

- Pope Francis states we have a moral obligation to take vaccine.
- Doors may not be open until at least 70% of population is vaccinated.
- Precautions will still have to be continued---social distancing, facemasks, and sanitizer.
- Contra Costa County vaccine regulations will be sent to all St. Ignatius parishioners along with the words of Pope Francis.

#### Parish Update – Father Robert

- St. Ignatius financial balance sheet will be submitted to Diocese in January.
- Diocese is receiving less revenue from many parishes requiring many layoffs, church and school closures.
- St. Ignatius 2020 Annual Report will be presented to parishioners on January 31, 2021.
- St. Ignatius will not be inside for Ash Wednesday or Lent. Letter from the Bishop will be distributed to parishioners regarding Ash Wednesday. St. Ignatius will distribute ashes several times during Ash Wednesday.
- The Re-Opening Committee is prepared for anything. Much thought and work has gone into getting St. Ignatius open either in the garden, parking lot or inside the church.
- Future of Faith Formation (need for new director) and Music Ministry will be discussed at next Staff Meeting on February 28.
- Kudos to Steve Rojek continuing High School Confirmation meetings outside. St. Ignatius has 24 students.
- Parishioner Rick Howell doing miraculously well.
- Father Robert continues pastoral care at hospitals.
- Father Robert has 8-10 funerals on his schedule.
- Funerals are being done outside at Holy Cross Cemetery.
- Baptisms on hold.
- First Communion on patio or parking lot?
- No feedback from catechists on Father Robert’s request to meet.
- Father Ron Schmidt at St. Anne’s in Byron in parallel with St. Ignatius. Everything on hold due to the pandemic.

#### Calendar of Events

1/31/2021 – St. Ignatius of Antioch Church Annual Report Presentation

Closing Prayer – Group facilitated by Susannah Nelson

Next Meeting – **February 9, 2021**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**Zoom**

**Opening Prayer -- Father Robert**  
**Closing Prayer -- David Nelson**