St. Rita Parish Pastoral Council
Tuesday, March 2, 2021
Cascia Hall East Meeting Room

Members in attendance: Fr. Michael, Ruth Adamczyk, Becky Andersen, Marilyn Butler, Carol Derga, Leora Kaiser and Jean Weaver. Also, in attendance were Dennis Collins and Sharon Gierahn, Trustees.

Attending via Zoom: Amy Bigna, Bill Greinke and Pat Rossman

Guest: Kathi Manchester

The opening prayer and the lighting of the Christ candle was led by Fr. Michael at 7:02 p.m.

Ruth Adamczyk, the Vice Chairman led the meeting.

CARES/Monastery Update: Father gave the update regarding CARES beginning with financials. CARES has not performed well financially in quite some time. It has run in a deficit for the last number of years and at this time a decision needs to be made weather to keep it open or close the doors. After a very lengthy discussion on different scenarios, cost of moving CARES to the Monastery along with renovation costs which would be a minimum of $250k. Do we invest that kind of money in a very old building that will need constant and expensive maintenance? The PPC agreed that this program should come to an end. CARES will close its doors at the end of June 2021. Discussions are taking place on what to do with monastery.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Becky Andersen to accept the February 9, 2021 minutes as read and it was seconded by Marilyn Butler.

Pastor Report: No further update at this time.

Liaison Updates: There are was only 1 update as many of the Committee's and sub-committees have not been meeting due to the Covid-19. The Human Concerns committee sent in their minutes from their December 10, 2020 meeting. Amy Bigna mentioned that the PFC contacted Stewardship in regards to sending out the annual pledge letter for upcoming fiscal year starting in July.

Committee List: Pat reported that the update is almost finished and should be ready for distribution by our next meeting. Carol Derga is assisting with this project.

Nomination Committee: Bill Grienke will lead this committee and asked for 2 more volunteers. Jean Weaver and Lee Kaiser will join this endeavor and Marilyn Butler offered to assist with calling of nominees. It was mentioned that when we reach out to the nominees that we outline what the PPC does, be positive and it's an honor to be on Council.

Also, we will need to select members to speak at the masses on April 17, 18, 24 and 25. There was a suggestion to contact previous PPC members and to have someone write the speech for a member to read.

Biographies and Pictures: Pat reported that she still needs a few members to send in their information and pictures. She will share what she has so far with the outstanding members.

Upcoming PPC Dates:

Tuesday, April 13, 2021
Tuesday, May 11, 2021
Tuesday, June 8, 2021

The closing prayer was led by Father Michael at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Rossman
Secretary
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