St. Rita Parish Pastoral Council
Tuesday, April 13, 2021
Cascia Hall East Meeting Room

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

Guests: Chad and Amanda Brown

The opening prayer and the lighting of the Christ candle was led by Fr. Michael at 7:00 p.m.

CARES: Chad and Amanda Brown came and presented their perspective on keeping the CARES program open beyond June 30. I have attached their presentation for reference. Father asked for feedback and feedback was mixed.

Some provided feedback to keep CARES open

- The document presented looks to show a profit for CARES so why not try to keep it open
- CARES has been a wonderful daycare for many years and provides help for parents who can't find part time childcare at a reasonable rate
- The parents have committed to a 75 cent an hour increase
- Many rumors are existing that the monastery building has structural problems. The building does need some repairs but it is structural sound
- PPP loans should have offset deficit for CARES
- CARES should be given a chance to see if it can be more profitable now that parents are aware of the problem

Some provided feedback to close CARES

- The building requires $250,000 in repairs immediately and will require more repairs longer term
- They would rather invest money in the new church building which will need a new roof and to expand additional space for that building
- The increase in number of children going to the daycare is not guaranteed and a waiting list has been talked about but never shared
- The parish is running at a significant deficit with COVID so paying expenses has been more of a challenge
- CARES was declining in revenue prior to COVID
- After much discussion, the majority opinion of the PPC members agree with Fr. Michael to continue to move forward with the closing of CARES on June 30, 2021

A lot of the discussion had to do with the building and what to do with the monastery building. Maintaining three buildings is a challenge for the parish. Father mentioned that he would also like to talk to Finance Council regarding CARES.

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

Liaison Updates: The Human Concerns committee minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. Marilyn Butler reported that the Stewardship committee will be sending out commitment/pledge forms very shortly. These will be set out every Spring. Also, at the end of December a statement will be sent out with the amount you have contributed for the calendar year.

PPC Nomination Update: 3 PPC members will speaking about the PPC and why you should think about nominating yourself or someone you know.

April 17: 4:45p mass Lee Kaiser
April 18: 8:00a mass Jean Weaver; 10:30a mass Bill Greinke
April 24: 4:45p mass Lee Kaiser
April 25: 8:00a mass Jean Weaver; 10:30 mass Bill Greinke

Open/New Items:

- Committee List: Pat reported that with the assistance from Carol Derga the Committee Listing is ready for distribution. Pat will send to the PPC members and each Committee Chairperson the revised listing.
- PPC Bios & Pics: This project will be completed for the upcoming weekend masses and displayed in the church narthex.

Upcoming PPC Dates:

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

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

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Rossman
Secretary
St. Rita Parish - Parish Pastoral Council