

St. Thomas A Becket Pastoral Council

September 16, 2020

Attending:

Sean Endsley
Matthew Verghese
Jennifer Stroik
Peggy Cowdrill
Robert Dunphy
Betsey Coffey
Rev. William Schardt

1. Shawn Endsley convened the meeting at 6:34 PM
2. Report on the Black Lives Mater rally – the parking lot was 2/3 filled. Rally ran from 6 to 7 PM on 8/26.
3. Planning for the St. Thomas 50-year celebration – a Planning Zoom call has been scheduled.
4. Confirmation – there are 40 candidates this year. Including one sponsor and two parents for each would result in 160 attendees.
5. Ali Althen is working with the Care for Our Common Home committee – A Zoom Call is planned for October 6.
6. Peggy Cowdrill reported that the Book Club is ready to collaborate with Care for Our Common Home committee.
7. Terms for the 1-year members of the Pastoral Council will expire on June 30, 2021. Action will need to be taken in January 2021 to be prepared for the required election.
8. Telephone project – is continuing at a very reduced level. The project needs more callers and will have to end in additional help does not come forward. Each caller has received a list of 20 individuals to call. Callers typically manage to contact between 4 and 6 of the names on each list.
9. Facebook – the previously existing unofficial Facebook site for St. Thomas has been taken over – Matt Verghese has the log-in information.
10. Mailing – J. Stroik suggested another mailing to all parishioners similar to the mailing announcing the resumption of Masses – possibly a postcard mailing – and volunteered to create a mock-up of the postcard.
11. Peggy Cowdrill reviewed the guidelines for the Council.
12. Father Schardt announced his decision to post links to livestreamed Masses on the parish website rather than attempt to livestream Masses from St. Thomas. He has also rejected the idea of recording Masses at St. Thomas for posting on the parish website.
13. Sprinkler system repairs were reported to cost approximately \$150,000.