



# Saint Bartholomew Church

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## PASTORAL COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes Jan. 18, 2021

**Present:** Fr. Jerry Hiland Jerry Yox, Rachel Sherwood, Joanne Hauser, Luke Rothan, Ashley Evans, Joy Niehaus,

**Absent:** Jesus Ortiz, Matt Jung, Joe Arnold, Ken Radziwan, Charlie McDonald, Secretary

**Guests:**

**Opening:** The meeting was opened at 7:00 PM by council chair Jerry Yox who said an opening prayer. Note: due to COVID, the meeting was held in the Narthex where there was enough room for social distancing.

### Approval of Nov. 16, 2020 Council Minutes:

Rachel made a motion to approve the Oct. 2020 minutes as submitted. Joanne seconded and they were approved.

### New Council Members:

Jerry asked new council members to provide him with their contact information if they would like it placed in the bulletin.

### Pastor's Comments:

- Fr. Jerry commented on need for redemption in the world due to events this year.
- Additional Masses for Ash Wednesday will be added this year. Guidelines from Vatican and Archdiocese due to pandemic will be followed including an alternative method to apply ashes. One idea is to use cotton tip applicators. Lenten activities are being planned to comply with small group and other guidelines. Pastoral region penance services, Easter Vigil, and Holy week activities are being planned.
- HVAC system. Kathy Rothchild is scheduling 2-3 bids on gym HVAC replacement. Some small fundraisers have been done and St. Bart's should have enough funds to cover. The furnace is ok for now, but the AC needs repair. Hope to schedule repair this summer. Joy Niehaus said that Bart's Bards will not be using the gym this summer. Initial evaluation estimates cost will be from \$7500-\$100,000.
- Fr. Jerry has asked to stay in the Blessed Saints Pastoral region another term.
- Fr. Jerry said the ordination planning for Raymond is in process. His first Mass as a deacon on a Sunday Mass at 09:30 at St. Vivian. His family and friends will be attending. No reception in the spring due to pandemic restrictions. Plan to have in summer (July) if allowed.
- Fr. Jerry discussed potential options for the Pastoral Region Confirmation scheduled at the Cathedral on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Archbishop Schnurr will not be doing Mass. Considering all options available to include moving Confirmation Mass to St. Bart's and/or St. Vivian's with Fr. Jerry presiding. Fr. Jerry will further discuss with youth ministers and families.

### Old Business:

- At the last meeting, Charlie mentioned a St Bart's parish Long Range Plan was formulated a number of years ago to address a variety of future needs and wish list items for the parish. Many of the ideas were implemented but the plan became dormant about the time St Barts and St

Vivian became a pastoral region. Will discuss at future meeting. Jerry would like to plan for what we want to accomplish this year.

- Jerry said that Kathy Rothchild will be a guest at the next meeting to give update on the parish finances to include, HVAC replacement in the gym.

**New Business:**

- Jerry asked for future guest suggestions from St. Bart's groups to provide updates to council. Suggestions were as follows: Kathy Rothchild (Business Manager), Amy Staubach (Youth Ministries), and representatives from the Cub Scouts, Bart's Bards, and St. Vincent de Paul.
- Fr. Jerry said that he would like to make a mental health initiative the priority for this year due to effects of the pandemic. Discussed providing mental health and other resources, such as Catholic Charities readily available through phone calls to parishioners and in the bulletin. Additional details to be discussed next meeting.

**Next meeting:** Mon., Feb 15th 2021 @ 7 pm.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Jerry Yox

Respectfully submitted by Rachel Sherwood