

Linkage Pastoral Council Meeting

Franklin Hardin Linkage

Monday, May 4, 6:30 PM

Via Zoom

Minutes

Attendees

Staff: Fr. Kevin Earleywine, Mary Quinlin

St. Mary, Ackley: Jeff Frazier, Dave Keninger, Scott O'Brien, Duane Sudtelgte, Doug Lindaman, Jeff Kurth

St. Patrick: Terry Carr, Suzanne Rowen, Todd Wragge, Sue Basye

St. Mark: Robert Warrington, Tom Atkinson, John Winkels

St. Mary, Eldora: Cecilia Penning, Lorelei Lake

Fr. Kevin opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes from the February 4, 2020, meeting were reviewed and given consensus approval.

Fr. Kevin discussed how ministry is continuing during COVID-19: online streaming of Mass, videos, mailings, faith formation materials distributed, and Zoom meetings. The Archdiocese directive is that we will continue with the liturgical restrictions we have in place, including the suspension of public Masses, and will continue to closely monitor the statewide and respective regional situations through the weeks of May and beyond.

Fr. Kevin asked for input from the group about what to add or improve. The question was asked about people who don't have internet access. Fr. Kevin said that several people he's talked to watch Mass on EWTN or listen to our Mass on the radio. The group offered suggestions on improving the sound quality in the streamed homily. Fr. Kevin would like to set up a longterm plan to continue the live stream Mass from Iowa Falls after we resume in-person gatherings. This will be good for those who are sick or in a high-risk group, and also good for times that Mass is cancelled because of inclement weather. Mary will follow up with the individuals suggested who might have expertise in setting up a live stream. The group discussed ways we are connecting with parishioners and if they have any needs. We have resources, especially food, if people need them.

Given the current situation, the group gave consensus approval to extend the current council terms by one year. Fr. Kevin will check if the Faith Formation Commissions will follow suit.

The group split into break-out rooms for parish meetings.