

MINUTES OF THE ST. JOSEPH PASTORAL COUNCIL  
November 18, 2021, 6:20 pm.

Members in Attendance:

	Father Hennes	715-341-1617
2023	Mike Daniels	715-340-4857
2022	Lorie Liss	715-630-4809
2023	John Lutz	715-341-5353
2022	Lynn Meyer	715-341-7104
2023	Sally Nash	715-315-1314
2022	Theron Nash Co-President	715-315-1314
2022	Dave Osier	715-544-0674
2022	Kris Strigel	715-341-8060

Absent/Excused Members:

2023 Tim Higgins Co-President 715-592-4110

Opening Prayer: Fr Hennes

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

\*September's minutes were approved. Motion made and seconded.

**Featured Discussion: Visions Statement Report from Committees:**

\*Lynn provided copies of the goal lists she received from parish groups thus far. Most seemed to be a listing of what a group does and how these activities fit the parish vision.

\*It was agreed that a meeting should be held that would include all groups. Discussion would include how do their goals fit the goals of the parish, what groups have common goals and would be able to work together, ways to think more about the parish rather than individual groups, ways to share this information with the parish and get them involved as well, decide planning for both parish and groups, develop a timetable for accomplishing goals, etc.

\*Goals will run from July to July with a meeting at the close to discuss what worked and what needs to be changed. Groups would work over the summer on their new goals.

\*More will be discussed at the next Council meeting once members have had a chance to review the documents received and give some thought to how they feel things should progress from here.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Framing Update:

\*Mary reported that they should be ready in two to three weeks.

Posted Positions:

\*Parish's job openings are being promoted in several places.

Diocesan Capital Campaign:

\*The campaign will be moving forward.

Diocesan Annual Appeal:

\*This is currently underway. The parish is currently about one third of the way to target with \$20,490 of the \$58,505 already received or pledged.

Thank You Cards:

\*Cards have been sent to individuals/organizations for a number of years. Council agreed that they do not feel as special as they once did and discussed alternate ways to show appreciation to volunteers. It was tentatively decided to hold a gathering with snacks after Saturday Mass on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Parish Council will provide food and serve.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mass Counts:

\* October Count is up from 2020 but down from those from 2019.

#### Convocation, Ideas, and Implementation:

- \*Members who attended the convocation shared their experience. Overall, they were pleased with the sessions they attended. Attendees agreed that it should be held again.
- \*Discussion took place as to how to apply some of the ideas presented to St. Joseph's. The Alpha programs was explained to the group. It encourages communication with discussion of questions and listening to what people are feeling. A subcommittee was formed to investigate the Alpha program and get back to Council with more information. Mike and Theron volunteered to be part of the subcommittee.

#### Synod of Synodality:

- \*The Pope is asking for input from community/parish councils on their concerns of the day. These will be discussed at the next synod

#### Holiday Basket Project:

- \*Parish Council collects money annually from Council members to donate baskets to the families in need. Lori agreed to check into this further.

#### Welcome Packets – Groups may design:

- \*Committees can design their own leaflets which would be included in the parish welcome package for new members. These should be submitted to Father for review.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Parish Education:

- \*No meeting was held.

#### Parish Family Life (Mary):

- \*Committee met and worked on goals as requested by Council.

#### Buildings & Grounds (John):

- \*Walter has completed the projects on his agenda.
- \*Wyatt Street stairs: Committee was told steps need to be demolished and rebuilt to permanently fix the concerns as the rebar is too close to the surface. Father is waiting a response back from the city to see if a ramp would be required.
- \*Walter's wish list for parish: new blower for leaves and snow with vacuum capabilities as well as an industrial edger. He would like to be involved in the purchase of these items.

#### Call to Justice Committee (Sally):

- \*October's Meal of Hope had approximately fifteen people in attendance. November's event was drive-through only. Thirty-four meals were distributed with eight people showing up on bicycles. A few attendees were from the local warming center. A meeting will be held in January to discuss more ways to help the community.

#### Sacred Worship Committee (Kris):

##### *November*

The Feature discussion was about the Deanery Convocation.

- \*Memorial Mass is all set and will be on November 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Thanksgiving mass is at St. Stephen's this year. Immaculate Conception mass will be at 8:00 am at St. Joe's.

- \*In Advent, the Sign of Peace will be reinstated. Song books will be back in the pews the first week of Advent also.

- \*Christmas Mass: Kid's Noel Mass will not have the mime play but will have roles for children at Mass. Practice will be right before mass at 3:15 pm on Christmas Eve. Christmas Day 10:30 am Mass. No Mass at 4:00 pm on Christmas day.

- \*One decade of the rosary before the final blessing on weekend masses went well.

- \* St. Joe's is getting a special calendar focusing on the Saints on the altar and the ambo.

- \*Ann Keifer has agreed to be the coordinator for ushers on Holy Days.

- \*In Advent, Sacred Worship will be sending out Birthday cards to all ministers currently serving.

- \*No update on the Director of Music

Communication Committee (open for now):

\*Nothing to report

St. Anne's (Lynn):

\*Cookie Walk will be held December 4<sup>th</sup> and will have safety precautions in place. Pre-packaged gift baskets will also be available.

\*Rosary Tree is expanding to include those who are sick.

\*Brochure is being worked on for parish welcome packet.

\*Group would like to fully clean the kitchen after the Cookie Walk. They will check into a grant available for cleaning supplies, etc. to prepare for when kitchens reopen.

Holy Name (Mike):

\*Men's Prayer Group breakfasts continue.

\*Pork roast went well with several complements being received.

\*Group is considering hosting the Italian meal event again asking attendees for a freewill offering instead of buying a ticket. They will continue to discuss.

**CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURN:**

Closing prayer: Father Hennes

Meeting adjourned 8:25 pm.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Date: January 20, 2022, 6:00 pm

Volunteer for prayer: Lynn Meyer

Agenda items: Synod discussion, Annual Appeal, Capital Campaign, location for statue sketches, Alpha group report, meeting with parish group regarding goals, position, Picnic basket

Annual Agenda Items: Sponsoring Christmas basket (November), Stipend for choir directors (Nov. and prior to Easter), Lenten book for parishioners/Thank you list (Jan), Picnic basket (March), Tithing/Vision statement (May).

Secretary: Mary Stroik