

ST. JOSEPH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MARCH 16, 2023

Members in Attendance:

Ex. Off. Rev. Jeffrey Hennes
2024 Chuck Clark
2024 Kris Hansen
2024 Dave Osier
2023 Mike Daniels
2023 John Lutz
2023 Kris Strigel

Absent/Excused Members:

2023 Tim Higgins

- I. Meeting began at 6 p.m. with prayer.
- II. Minutes were approved over email and posted.
- III. Featured Discussion - Picnic Basket: As a council, we will sponsor a basket for the raffle. If you want to make an offering, please submit it to the office. The suggestion was to have the theme be dining out.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Diocesan Capital Campaign:
 1. Father will meet with our director next week. We are still in the preliminary planning phase. St. Joe's goal is \$440,000, and we have a small amount already pledged.
 2. The Diocesan portion of the campaign will cover the Annual Appeal, Diocesan projects, and the creation of foundations.
 3. After discussion, the council would like to highlight the front entrance and heating/cooling systems for the Family Center as projects we can work to complete with campaign funds.
 4. We will need people to assist with the campaign in various roles. Planning socials and reaching out to parish members. Knowledgeable in answering questions. Father will reach out to the councils when he knows more.
 - B. Emerson Park: The donation has been made for the bench, and the draft plaque was shared.
 - C. Pastors' Plaque: The draft of the Pastor Plaque was shared, and we will continue getting the plaques created.
 - D. Picnic:
 1. This will be a two-day event.
 2. We will not get a tent this year; we will utilize the family center space for our events. Dependent on the weather, kids' games will be held outdoors. There will be a Sunday indoor Polka Mass, afterwords, music at the top of the landing. Ending the rest of the day with DJ/Karaoke.
 3. Country store, basket raffle, cherry tree, pull tabs, sweepstakes, and kids' games.
 - E. Census Update: We have received a response from 387 families. Families who have not replied were recently mailed second notices.
 - F. Elections: For those whose terms are ending, please let Father know if you are interested in being open for re-election by the end of March.
- V. New Business
 - A. After Mass Social: Family Life is organizing the schedule for the after-Mass socials; they are looking to see if we would like to host one of the open dates. The group decided to take the month of October.
 - B. Sharing Personal Information in the bulletin:
 1. Unfortunately, information published in the bulletin is used by scammers, and often, the Pastor is impersonated. It was agreed that we would no longer publish contact information in the bulletin for the councils and committees and instead have an information sheet available for pickup from the office.
 2. In addition to contact information, it was also discussed that sharing birthdays in the bulletin also shared data that might be used inappropriately. The suggestion was to share a simple list of those celebrating birthdays that month and do the same for anniversaries.
 - C. Mail slot in office door: Buildings and Grounds have discussed installing a mail slot in the door. It was decided that it is not needed at this time.
 - D. Upcoming Events: There are several upcoming events that the parish family and community can participate in. The Seder Meal is scheduled for April 3; Pilgrimage to La Crosse for the Chrism Mass on April 4; and Eggstravaganza on April 8.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Education - Fr. Hennes:

1. Pacelli Catholic schools, Cindy Weber resigned from her position. Fr. Ed is interim president as they look to appoint someone to take over that role while they search. Principals are sharing tasks. Work continues in the 4K classroom at St. Stephen – there is a waitlist. Summer Blast will be held at the high school due to work being done at St. Stephen. Work will begin as soon as the year ends. Current 4K programs held at Pacelli are through public schools.
2. We continue the search for a DRE.
3. The First Communion retreat was held this past Saturday with 20 students.
4. Middle School & High school youth rallies are coming up.
5. There is still availability for youth to attend Steubenville or Adventure Camp.
6. There is a current adult education program using the Light From Light program.

B. Parish Family Life - Fr. Hennes:

1. After Mass socials continue to go well, there are still a few months with no group hosts.
2. They continue to explore reigniting Elizabeth Ministry.
3. They plan to host a Women's Retreat in the fall; details are still being discussed.
4. Easter Eggstravaganza is scheduled for April 8.

C. Buildings & Grounds - John:

1. Lighting: Walter & Tom Schneeberg completed the new LED lighting from the office and north to the bathrooms. It brightens up the area. Plan to continue the rest of the facility but will need a lift. The lift will make the process easier and safer. The bell tower lighting will be addressed once the facility lighting is concluded.
2. Wyatt St. entrance project is still in the planning stage.
3. There will be other projects to address once the weather warms up and the snow is gone.

D. Call to Justice - Fr. Hennes:

1. St. Joseph recently received a grant from the Hunger Prevention Partnership of Portage County to provide non-perishable food items for people to take home.
2. Mark Kordus from the Rent Ready program recently reached out about using a previous offering to start a new program to help those with housing that might be falling behind to get them back into a good place. This program would be in partnership with One Big Tent and Catholic Charities.

E. Sacred Worship - Kris H.:

1. The Triduum is hosted at St. Stephen this year, we need six volunteers for Holy Thursday.
2. We will celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph on Monday with Mass at 8 a.m. and a reception to follow.
3. The Committee Goal for the year was to find information about being a welcoming parish – in the fall they will begin a series on this topic and then discuss how to proceed.
4. The mission was well attended.

We acquired a new Nativity Set, which does need some TLC.

F. St. Anne's - Kris S.: Due to schedule conflicts there has not been a meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for April.

G. Holy Name - Mike:

1. The group hosted the after Mass socials in March.
2. Men's prayer continues their monthly meetings.
3. Hosted the Meal of Hope in February.
4. Questioned replacement of Convection Oven. We are gathering information on the parish's needs, and what features we need. It was noted that all ovens have been serviced and recalibrated.

VII. Supplies: Renee and Lynn have been going through all of the storage in the basement and sorting. In the basement kitchen, there is a large wooden wardrobe where there is a stock of usable supplies for all committees. Take/borrow what you need, return unused items neatly, and keep organized. Surplus supplies we are being offered to teachers and other community groups.

VIII. Next Meeting: May 11, 2023, at 6 p.m.

IX. Meeting closed with prayer at 7:32 p.m.

Annual Agenda Items: Picnic Basket (March); Tithing/Vision Statement (May); Christmas Basket (November)