

MINUTES OF THE ST. JOSEPH PASTORAL COUNCIL  
May 20, 2021 6:00 pm. .

Members in Attendance:

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|      | Father Hennes           | 715-341-1617 |
| 2021 | Laurie Schroeder (Pres) | 715-345-0939 |
| 2021 | Ellen Miskowski (VP)    | 715-498-6134 |
| 2021 | Michael Hess            | 715-344-9906 |
| 2022 | Lorie Liss              | 715-630-4809 |
| 2022 | Lynn Meyer              | 715-341-7104 |
| 2022 | Theron Nash             | 715-310-0293 |
| 2022 | Dave Osier              | 715-544-0674 |
| 2022 | Kris Strigel            | 715-341-8060 |

Absent/Excused Members:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

\*March's minutes were approved previously via email.

Opening of Church:

\*Father has received information from the Bishop and will be discussing it with Kris. No specific updates will be put in place at this time. Parish members do not have to wear masks if they feel comfortable doing so and have been vaccinated. Social distancing is still to be observed. Separate Masses for those who have been vaccinated and those who have not cannot be done. Those vaccinated can sit closer together if they would like but there still needs to be an area in place for those who have not been vaccinated to allow for social distancing. The church cannot ask to see proof of vaccination (card).

Opening Prayer: Father Hennes shared.

OLD BUSINESS

Statue Update:

\*Statues have been completed and Father is waiting for a call this week regarding shipment. Hopefully, the statues will be delivered the following week. The sketches should also be received soon so decisions regarding framing and placement will be dealt with at that time.

Mission Statement Report from Lynn and Kris:

\*Statement suggestions had been sent out previously, so Lynn and Kris are looking for feedback from members tonight. Discussion took place regarding the wording and meaning the Mission Statement should project. The following preliminary version was approved by the Council (motion made and seconded):

*Together in faith we worship, serve, and proclaim the Word of God.*

\*An invite will be crafted by Father Hennes and emailed (mailed if necessary) to committee chairs and heads of other groups for a Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm meeting to get their input and any suggestions that they might have. Groups will give input into the vision statement(s) for the parish and begin to look at how individual groups will work to make this vision happen. Tables will set up on the Family Center with social distancing in mind.

\*It will be decided in fall if Lynn and Kris have completed their Mission Statement development assignment or if they will help individual groups develop their Vision Statements as well.

#### Religious Education Position:

- \*The person set to be interviewed has withdrawn their application. Father will pursue other leads to see if he can generate some interest in the position. There are back-up plans in place to cover the interim in case no one is in place by fall. The number of qualified candidates statewide is very low, and the central Wisconsin area has not had a big draw. Postings have been done at Wisconsin colleges as well as those in surrounding states.
- \*The majority of catechists are returning next year so not many replacements will be needed. Class registration has been taking place so should be mostly done by the time the new person starts. Mary is going through inventory trying to get things organized.
- \*Confirmation by the bishop will take place November 7<sup>th</sup>. This will include thirty students between the four parishes.
- \*Mary Testin's last day is June 15<sup>th</sup>

#### Election of New Parish Council Members

- \*Father has been tabulating the nominations submitted by the parish and is working to contact individuals to verify that they are interested in serving. Four positions need to be filled. Voting will be done in the bulletin and in the church at Memorial Day and Picnic weekend Masses. Voters will need to fill out their family name and will be allowed to vote for two candidates.

#### Other Old Business:

- \*St. Anthony's monthly presentations were discussed. It has been recommended that St. Joseph's members be encouraged to either attend the meetings in person or through Zoom (info on their website). It was felt that this would probably not be a good event to hold at St. Josephs. Father will make sure that the schedule is posted in the bulletin.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### Parish Council Picnic Basket:

- \*It was agreed that a picnic theme would work well. Lynn has donated a table top grill, two camp chairs and tools. Laurie will use any money donated to purchase additional items. Suggestions of items to be included were shared. An envelope will be left in the Council mail slot for additional donations. Laurie will take care of getting everything to Kris.

##### Picture Frames for Statue Drawings:

- \*There are twelve sketches that the parish will want to have framed and hung somewhere in the building. Pricing from three stores were reviewed. It was agreed that it would be a good idea to use a business where the funds would be kept locally. Members of the parish who create/work with frames were discussed but with the increasing cost of wood, it was agreed that it may not be practical for them to do the work. Father will contact Ideal Frames once the sketches have been received. A few parish members with artistic skills will be contacted to see if they would like to assist.
- \*Potential spots for the framed sketches were discussed. Many suggestions were offered. The deanery books in the southwest corner of the Family Center are seldom used. The Council agreed that they could be better positioned so that the parish can easily see them and take home to read if they would like too. It was agreed Father would ask Walter to create bookshelves in the coat niche in the Gathering Space. Lynn thinks there is wood that can be used in the rectory building. The books will be moved to the bookshelves once these are completed. The books may be weaned out a bit and be rotated from time to time to allow fresh books to be offered. Leo will be asked what should be done with the cart that the books are currently placed.

##### Time Capsule:

- \*It had been planned to open the time capsule during Picnic of last year but due to COVID this was not done. The box was buried when the school was built – 34-35 years ago. Father and Walter located the stone portal, located the capsule, and opened the copper box to make sure everything was in good condition. However, the box was flooded. They dried out newspapers as best they could, but the photographs were beyond repair. There will be an article put into the bulletin explaining what contents could be identified. A shadowbox holding the coins retrieved will be placed in the hallway by the St. Anne's medals.

##### Mass for Graduates:

\*Graduates were invited to attend weekend Mass in their caps and gowns May 22-23 depending on their choice of Mass.

Diocesan Campaign:

\*Appeal - Collection is running a little behind but better than last year (83% of goal).

Picnic Update:

\*This year's event will be smaller than normal. Plans are in place for the chicken dinner, cherry tree, cash raffle, basket raffle, food tent, two polka Masses and several other activities on Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup>. Activities for children are also being planned. This is not a money-making event but rather a way to lift people up after being isolated for so long. Prayers for good weather were asked for.

Tithing:

\*\$2,800.00 is available for tithing this year. Numbers were discussed and a new list of recipients developed.

Other New Business:

\*This will be the last meeting for Ellen, Laurie, and Mike. The group was thanked for the work that they did in service of the parish. Binders were collected.

COMMUNICATIONS/THANKS YOU NOTES:

\*Cards will be signed at the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERS IN DISTRESS – General discussion took place. Prayers were encouraged for graduates and those people who are battling cancer.

CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURN:

Closing prayer: Laurie shared.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 pm.

NEXT MEETING:

Date: Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

(Parish Council generally meets the third Thursday of odd months)

Volunteer for prayer: ???

Thank You List: Cards will be signed at next meeting

Agenda items: Lynn & Kris's report after the July meeting, statue frame update, statue update.

Annual Agenda Items: Stipend for Choir Directors (Nov and prior to Easter), Rel.Ed Staff Report, Picnic Basket (April) , Tithing (May), Christmas Basket (September), Thank You List (December), Lenten Book for Parishioners (Dec/Jan)

Secretary: Mary Stroik