

## MINUTES OF THE ST. JOSEPH PASTORAL COUNCIL

January 21, 2021 6:00 pm. .

### Members in Attendance:

	Father Hennes	715-341-1617
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
2022	Pat Wenzl	715-344-3906

### Absent/Excused Members:

2021 Laurie Schroeder (Pres) 715-345-0939

Opening Prayer: Pat shared.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

### OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion of document entitled "The pastoral conversion of the Parish community in the service of the evangelizing mission of the Church", of the Congregation for the Clergy, 20.07.2020":

\*Discussion completed at November meeting.

### Sending Cards to Parish Members:

#### General Discussion:

- \*A parish prayer group has already sent handwritten cards to senior members of the parish which totaled around 120 cards. They received five responses and three phone calls. They may do this again in the future to keep in touch with those mailed. Return envelopes will be included this time for individuals in nursing homes. Prayer group will send another card around Valentine's Day. Theron is to meet with Fr. Hennes to discuss details.
- \*Making contact with parish members needs to be done to increase communication and let individuals know that they are being thought and cared about. Cards should be handwritten to provide a more personal feeling. The possibility of making phone calls will be discussed after card effort in place.
- \*Groups to receive cards: older members, homebound, those suffering from health or mental issues, new parents, parents with young children or school age children (may be done at class registration with Father contacting those parents who have stopped sending their children due to COVID-19), former students, etc. Also, parish members could submit names of people that they feel would benefit by receiving a card (keeping this confidential).
- \*Events for cards to be sent: graduation, marriage, additions to family, death in family, Confirmation (may already be receiving), Communion, etc.
- \*Holidays for cards to be sent: St. Valentine's Day, St. Joseph Day, Easter, Christmas, etc.
- \*Who will make contact: Volunteer group (possible pool), Parish Council, other committees, prayer groups, etc. Many parish members that are staying at home due to COVID-19, health issues, etc. are looking for way to be involved with the parish and may welcome the chance to help out.
- \*Mailing lists would be obtained through Father or Kristi for desired demographic. The lists would need to be reviewed for duplication and do not mail requests.
- \*Mailings would need to continue – maybe around every two months – to keep in touch so this is not just a one-time thing but a true feeling of care from the parish letting members know that they have not been forgotten.
- \*Ellen will contact Kris regarding the status of Befrienders to see if this would be a way to activate the group again. Kris will be invited to the next Council meeting to offer her input.
- \*A subcommittee was formed that will meet next week to discuss this topic further and how the process should take place. Ellen, Theron, and Lorie (as time permits) will meet with Father to discuss the letter or card to go to the next group, Families with children.

Christmas Baskets – families were grateful:

\*Everything went well. Three baskets were distributed.

Other Old Business:

Discussion took place on the reporting of the Parish Finances by the Finance Council. Parish Council agreed that the Finance Council should continue reporting like they have been.

NEW BUSINESS

Lynn's Committee Report on Mission Statement:

General Discussion:

- \*Committee consists of Lynn, Kris, and Pat. They have been doing research to determine how to create a new mission statement for the church and what it should consist of.
- \*Mission development recommends having a number of supporting value statements that help better define what the parish believes in. Once these statements are in place, the parish can then develop their vision and mission statements.
- \*A handout was distributed that provided more information regarding value, vision, and mission statements (with examples). Lynn asked that Council members review and offer any ideas they may have via email.
- \*Members of the Vision Committee that was active a few years ago will be contacted for their input and any recommendations they have from their discussions at that time.
- \*Each parish group will need to determine what part they play in accomplishing the goals of the church.

Winterfest Fest – Kevin S. is asking Parish Council for a raffle basket:

\*Lynn brought items to be included is a Salsa Basket. Items included: large Tupperware bowl, strainers, kitchen tools, canning jars, salsa from Cee Dee Acres and Casey's Orchard. Ellen will add a few additional items and submit to Winterfest coordinators.

Parish Council Spring Elections:

\*This year's retiring Council members are Ellen, Laurie, and Mike. New members will meet with outgoing members to discuss meeting process and ask questions. They will start their term at the beginning of the fiscal year. Nominations/voting forms will be placed in the bulletin this year due to COVID-19. Schedule: Feb/March – start nomination process. Father will contact candidates to see if they are interested in serving on Council. Election will take place in April.

Other New Business:

- \*With COVID-19 and other obstacles over the past year, Father has been unable to focus on the Footprint Committee. It was agreed that this should be tabled until the new mission statement is developed as well as its supporting value and vision statements. At that point, the Footprint Committee will have better direction as to how the parish needs to move forward in updating campus.
- \*Previously, the diocese had declared 2021 as the Year of St. Joseph. In December, Pope Francis also declared 2021 as the worldwide Year of St. Joseph. Discussion will take place in the future as to how to celebrate this event (separate celebrations?) Father suggested that members read the first half of *Patris Corde* for the next meeting. He will email members the link.
- \*Father has submitted a BEET grant for an inflatable movie screen. More information will be shared once grant approved.

COMMUNICATIONS/THANKS YOU NOTES:

\*Cards will be taken care of at next meeting (January, February, March).

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERS IN DISTRESS – General discussion took place.

### CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURN:

Closing prayer: Father Hennes shared.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm

### NEXT MEETING:

Date: Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Volunteer for prayer: Theron

Thank You List: December/Laurie, January/Kris, February/Lynn

Agenda items: Laurie will develop and email to members in March.

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