

MINUTES OF THE ST. JOSEPH PASTORAL COUNCIL

September 17, 2020 6:00 pm. .

Members in Attendance:

	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	Lynn Meyer	715-341-7104
2022	Theron Nash	715-310-0293
2022	Dave Osier	715-544-0674
2021	Kris Strigel	715-341-8060
2022	Pat Wenzl	715-344-3906

Absent/Excused Members:

2021	Lorie Liss	715-630-4809
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Opening Prayer: Laurie provided prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

*August's minutes were approved - motion made & seconded.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion of *On Consultation*:

*Members were previously asked to read for discussion at this meeting. Discussion took place.

Binders:

*Slimmed down binders were provided to members. Contents were reviewed. Hard copies of the master binder will be kept, and the digital version is being worked on. The Mission statement in the binders appears to be an old version. A shorter one is printed in the bulletin. This will be checked into. Members were asked to keep their binders up to date so they can be passed on to new members as time goes by. Updates needed (in the master binder) as to how the selection process takes place for new members. The committee/council lists should also be updated. What cannot be used of the old binders will be shredded.

Thank You List:

*This was explained to new members. The Council reviews all activities of the parish and sends out cards to thank the volunteers of the parish who keep the parish running. September/Laurie, October/Pat, November/Mike December/Laurie will handle creation and delivery of the cards Individuals/groups on the list that have not been active due to COVID will not receive a card this year.

Goals for Parish Council:

*Due COVID, the goals of the Council would be to work on the items at hand. This is not a good time to be making any long-term goals. Planning for this would be better done when things are back to whatever normal will be after COVID issues are resolved. This may be a good time to work on the Mission Statement.

*Pat mentioned that it would good for the Council to review the end of year report for finances as well as asking if an annual report will be put out? Per Father, they have not submitted the Bishop's report yet. Once reviewed, the report will be shared with the parish. How it will be shared is yet to be determined. The Bishop's Report contents were explained to members.

*The question was raised as to why the weekly budget information is no longer appearing in the bulletin as parishioners are wondering where that parish stands financially. Father stated the numbers are very misleading with the beginning of the month being quite a bit higher than the end of the month. A

monthly summary is being planned to show how things are going for the entire month and the fiscal year. Both parishes are doing quite well financially.

Meeting Schedule:

*It has been decided that Council will meet every other month on the third Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be held in November. If something comes up that needs to be dealt with, Father will send out an email or a Zoom meeting will take place.

Other Old Business:

*Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Christmas Baskets:

*Laurie explained that Council has been donating two to three baskets to this drive for many years. Baskets contain food items as well as cleaning supplies, etc. Members are asked to contribute what they can so basket contents can be purchased. Laurie will do the shopping again this year. Money will be collected at the November meeting. People who are willing to make deliveries were also asked for.

Honoring Father Lyle:

Discussion took place.

Reading for the Next Meetings:

*Father presented the document entitled "The pastoral conversion of the Parish community in the service of the evangelistic mission of the Church", of the Congregation for the Clergy (7/20/2020). Copies were provided for members. This will be discussed at the next meeting (entire).

Other New Business:

*Regarding the review of the Mission Statement, Father recommends that Council members think about what they need in order to focus on this as a group such as what resources should be used as well as what they should be praying on. Do they want someone from outside the Council to guide them through this process? A subcommittee could be formed not to write the statement but to devise a path for the new Mission Statement and how to move forward. It is believed that there is a more current version of the document than what is showing in members' binders. If an updated version is found, it will be emailed to all members. Council will determine what needs to be done if anything after further research is done.

*Future agenda items on minutes will need to be adjusted.

*Pat recommended the book "Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus" which addresses how difficult it is to find volunteers and ways to get members more involved. This may be read and discussed by the Council in the future.

COMMUNICATIONS/THANKS YOU NOTES:

*None shared at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Religious Education Report (Lynn):

Parish Family Life Committee (Mary):

Buildings & Grounds (Pat):

Parish Education (Mike):

Call to Justice Committee:

Sacred Worship Committee (Ellen):

Communication Committee (Kris):

Pacelli Catholic Schools (PCS) (Laurie):

*Bridge Club update:

*Father will be looking for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and publish this in the bulletin. Once candidates are selected and approved by Council, Father will need to petition the Bishop for approval.

*Pat – Asked if the various nursing homes are split among the various parishes. Father verified that St. Joe's is responsible for Portage County Home.

MEMBERS IN DISTRESS – General discussion took place.

CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURN:

Closing prayer: Memorare to St. Joseph – provided by Father at last meeting.
Meeting adjourned at pm

NEXT MEETING:

Date: Thursday, November 19 at 6:00 pm.

Volunteer for prayer November: Ellen

Thank You List: September/Laurie, October/Pat, November/Mike December/Laurie. Cards will be available for pick-up.

Agenda items: List needs to be developed and will be sent out in early November.

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