

ST. JOSEPH PASTORAL COUNCIL

May 26, 2022

Members in Attendance:

Rev. Jeffrey Hennes	715-341-1617
2024 Theron Nash Co-President	715-315-1314
2024 Dave Osier	715-544-0674
2023 Mike Daniels	715-340-4857
2023 John Lutz	715-341-5353
2023 Kris Strigel	715-341-8060
2022 Lorie Liss	715-630-4809
2022 Lynn Meyer	715-341-7104

Absent/Excused Members:

2023 Tim Higgins Co-President	715-592-4110
2023 Sally Nash	715-315-1314

- I. Meeting began at 6:05 p.m. with opening prayer.
- II. Minutes were approved following the last meeting. Copies were shared with those who requested them.
- III. Featured Discussion - Tithing
 - A. Bench: Finance Council was in agreement with providing funds for a bench for Emerson Park. A suggestion was made to possibly share the cost with St. Stephen. Discussion was that St. Joseph would provide full funding for the bench as our tithing for the year.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Synod on Synodality: The notes from the sessions were shared as they were sent to the Diocese. There was disappointment over the low attendance at the sessions.
 - B. Riverfront Bingo: Unable to find people to take on the task, have given up this fundraiser.
 - C. Vision Statement Committee: This meeting was rescheduled to June 22, 2022 at 6 p.m. All were asked to contact their committee to share the new date and time.
 - D. Diocesan Capital Campaign: Buildings and Grounds has shared a list of projects that they feel could benefit from the funds of this Campaign, they are repaving the parking lot, redesign of asphalt, repainting the family center and office, carpeting the family center and office, new front entry redesign, air conditioning repair/upgrade, and install elevator. Completion of any of these projects would use Capital Campaign funds as well as savings.
 - E. Annual Appeal: Current pledged amounts were reviewed. Goal: \$58,505, Food for the Poor House: \$4,900
 1. Received for both \$47,812.62 (75%) Participation: 160/300 Families (53%).
- V. New Business
 - A. Accepted Nominations: Kris Hansen and Charles Clark, they will be invited to the July meeting. Sally Nash has stepped down, Lorie and Lynn will not be returning; Theron and Dave will continue for two more years, and Kris will complete Sally's term ending in 2023.
 - B. Secretary: Mary has stepped down from her role of secretary, and Kristi will continue in role until further discussion is held at the July meeting with new members.
 - C. Picnic: Next weekend! Everything's coming together well. A number of the chairs will be stepping down, and one spot has been filled. There is uncertainty regarding future events. Suggestion was made to put up signs sharing the need for volunteers for next year's planning, it could include a list of current chairs to talk to. Moving forward will be discussed at the Picnic wrap-up.
- VI. Committee Reports
 - A. Education: Theron, nothing is currently in the works from the committee. There was inquiry as to if in addition to the Advent Blue Book and the Lenten Black book, could we also purchase the Easter White book. This will be a further discussion for the committee.
 - B. Alpha: Six members participated at St. Bron's this past spring. There are a few more couples interested.

St. Bron's has offered to have our group join their group in the fall. This would allow for more to become involved, to then allow us to hold a session at St. Joe's in the spring. Each session includes a meal, meeting (video followed by discussion). The goal is to invite someone who is not involved in

the church, or those who are struggling/fallen away – great form of evangelization. Fr. Hennes will meet with Fr. Shuttleworth and then get back in touch with Theron regarding moving forward. This could also hopefully grow other programs at the parish as well.

- C. Catholic Schools: St. Bronislava will be getting a new principal, allowing each campus to have their own principal. Renovations continue at St. Stephen to bring in a 4K program. Graduation is this weekend.
- D. Religious Education: Conner Franz will be arriving in the area soon. Fr. Hennes & Conner will be attending a Youth Ministers Conference in June. Graduates will be honored at Masses this weekend.
- E. Buildings & Grounds: Boiler project has not begun as we are awaiting parts. The front entrance has been discussed; and the city inspector shared some points regarding if we were to do a rebuild - there has been discussion regarding bringing in someone to design a front entrance. Father shared the idea of changing the current conference into a parish “living room” for a more comfortable gathering space; this would require commercial furniture.
- F. Call to Justice: The group has been working with an Afghan refugee family along with members from Holy Spirit. At this time the family is self-sufficient, and are still seeking employment. Meal of Hope continues, serving about a dozen people on site with an additional 20 meals to go. Leftovers are taken to the Salvation Army or Franciscans Downtown.
- G. Sacred Worship: Their last meeting was before Easter, and covered the Triduum, First Communion, and Reconciliation numbers. The Wyatt Street doors have been reopened. There will be a Corpus Christi procession on June 19. At this time some pews remain for social distancing, but Father will discuss with Kris. They will be mending some of the hymnals. They will meet again in August. Inquiry was made regarding the return of the seasonal missalettes, Father will bring this item to a future meeting.
- H. Family Life: Will be holding a carnation sale for Father’s day. Proceeds will be donated to the Portage County Right to Life.
- I. St. Anne: A cleaning date for the kitchen has been set for June 18 at 9:30 a.m. Their next meeting will be in August for their chairs, and the full group in September. Their most recent meeting hosted a speaker from the Master Gardeners.
- J. Holy Name: Last prayer group meeting was held in May, with about 20 in attendance. Funds collected have been put into savings to build a house in Central America. Their Next meeting will be in September. It was discussed to have a speaker from the Franciscans for a future gathering. Will be putting together a basket for the picnic.

VII. Next Meeting: Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 6 p.m.

VIII. Meeting closed with prayer at 7:30 p.m..

Annual Agenda Items: Stipend for Choir Directors (Nov./Prior to Easter); Lenten Book, Thank You List (January); Picnic Basket (March); Tithing/Vision Statement (May); Christmas Basket (November)