

ST. JOSEPH PASTORAL COUNCIL
JANUARY 19, 2023

Members in Attendance:

Ex. Off.	Rev. Jeffrey Hennes	715-341-1617
2024	Kris Hansen	715-340-7751
2024	Dave Osier	715-544-0674
2023	Mike Daniels	715-340-4857
2023	John Lutz	715-341-5353
2023	Tim Higgins	715-592-4110
2023	Kris Strigel	715-341-8060

Absent/Excused Members:

2024	Chuck Clark	228-342-1171
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- I. Meeting began at 6:05 p.m. with an opening prayer.
- II. Featured Discussion: Picnic. We are at the point where Picnic Chairs would start doing initial planning phases, such as the dance floor, tents, etc. How do we move forward? Do we not have a picnic, do we scale back, does the council step up, or do we reach out to the sub-chairs for their input? A decision was made to have a picnic meeting after Mass on Jan. 29 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Father Hennes will lead the meeting.
- III. Old Business
 - A. Alpha: Father is working on scheduling a meeting with those who participated in Alpha. This discussion would include how to move forward. It would be a great program as a stepping stone into RCIA, especially if a person reaches out mid-year, and would be a great supplement.
 - B. Diocesan Capital Campaign: No updated information. Father will reach out for a timeline. Once he has the timeline he will reach out to Parish & Finance Councils for input and assistance.
 - C. Front step update: The diocese did share some alternative companies to request bids from. We have reached out to Ellis Stone and Altmann Construction, and both are working on preparing information.
 - D. Pastors' Plaque: Everything has been submitted, we should get a quote next week. Once arrived, we will do a blessing, and hanging of the new plaque.
 - E. Christmas Basket: We sponsored a basket for a small family of 3. All went well, and the family was appreciative.
 - F. Council Elections: A request to those whose term is expiring to prayerfully consider if they are willing to serve another term. More discussion in March
- IV. New Business
 - A. Census: It was decided to include a basic census with the end-of-year statements/ mailing. In hindsight asking for opinions on what we are doing well/not doing well.
 - B. Envelopes: Father shared the reasoning for the lack of envelopes this quarter.
 - C. Religious Education: Father shared that in roles of education, he does ask for a letter of intent. Father shared that Conner has shared that he will not be returning.
- V. Committee Reports
 - A. Education (Fr. Hennes): Father shared that there is hope to do a seminary visit in February. We are still accepting registrations for Steubenville. There is also discussion about a "Nun Run" in which young ladies would visit convents. Adult Education we are still working on. Lenten Mission is set for March 5-7 at St. Joe's

with Keith Nester. Keith was a protestant pastor, and he had a conversion, and he is now a Catholic Deacon. Each day will have a different focus. There will be a talk each evening, followed by a social.

- B. Parish Family Life (Tim): They recently had a meeting, and they do have a social planned for this upcoming weekend. Socials will be hosted by different groups. Hoping to have a speaker in the fall. They are hoping to start the Elizabeth Ministry. Their next meeting is on Feb. 17.
 - C. Buildings & Grounds (John): 1. Walter and Tom Schneeberg are hoping to run lighting and conduit up to the top level inside the bell tower. He feels they have enough conduit on hand to complete that project. They would like to replace the 4' fluorescent tubes "focused on energy" with led tubes. Focus on Energy commission is willing to give us \$1.50 per tube for the project when complete. He is getting information together for bulbs, then it can be decided whether or to proceed. Ballasts for fluorescent tubes are getting expensive. With the led tubes ballast can be eliminated. LED bulbs last three times longer and are more efficient. We have 499 four-foot fluorescent tubes in the building.
 - D. Call to Justice Committee (Tim): Advent Tree went very well. The Meal of Hope continues on the 3rd Monday. The last meal had about 35 in attendance.
 - E. Sacred Worship Committee (Kris H.): The Kids' Noel Mass went well, while different it was well received. The attendance for the Christmas Eve Mass was "normal" The Christmas Day attendance was good as well. Christmas cards were sent to all of the ministers. Ash Wednesday services are 9 a.m., 12 noon, and 6:30 p.m. Moving forward for Flowers, they would like to move towards asking for a donation vs. purchasing plants. The RCIA team continues to meet even though they do not have a candidate. During Lent, they will view Bishop Barron's "The Creed" and all are welcome to attend. Recently we acquired a nativity set, we don't know how it will be used.
 - F. St. Anne's (Kris S.): They did not have a January or December meeting. There is also no February Meeting. Kris will update at the next meeting
 - G. Holy Name (Mike): Men's prayer group, coming this Saturday. Sponsoring Meal of Hope in February, and the parish social in March.
- VI. Next Meeting: March 16, 2023, at 6 p.m.
 - VII. Meeting closed with prayer at 7:28 p.m.

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