

MINUTES OF THE ST. JOSEPH PASTORAL COUNCIL
January 20, 2022 .

Members in Attendance:

	Father Hennes	715-341-1617
2023	Tim Higgins Co-President	715-592-4110
2022	Theron Nash Co-President	715-315-1314
2023	Mike Daniels	715-340-4857
2022	Lorie Liss	715-630-4809
2023	John Lutz	715-341-5353
2022	Lynn Meyer	715-341-7104
2022	Dave Osier	715-544-0674
2022	Kris Strigel	715-341-8060
2023	Sally Nash	715-315-1314

Absent/Excused Members:

Opening Prayer: Lynn

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*January's minutes had been approved previously.

Featured Discussion: Synod on Synodality

*The bishop has extended the deadline for this project until June 15th.

*A model needs to be developed for what needs to be done. Father had previously sent out documents containing information from the diocese for members to review. There is some leeway on interpretation as parishes will develop what will fit their parish best.

*Members of the discussion group should contain a good representation of the parish. Group size will depend on the success of the invite with further contact being made, as necessary. Members must be comfortable and committed to listening as well as sharing their lived experiences. They should come prepped having read and thought about the questions that will be provided to them before the meeting. Members are not there to debate. They need to listen and hear the neighbor in front of them.

*The meeting will start with an explanation of the event and general discussion. Small groups (4-6 people) will be formed. Everyone will be able to speak and offer what is truly in their heart. Group members will be asked to limit their comments, so each member has a chance to share. The highlights of the circles will be shared with the large group. These topics will be forwarded to the diocese for their review. This is not a solution-based discussion. Listening to others is the primary goal.

*Council agreed that there will be two meetings to be held April 3rd at 3:00pm and April 5th at 6:00pm. Invites will be sent out with end of year financial statements. Lynn, Mike, and Tim volunteered to be a part of the subcommittee that will nail down discussion questions, format of meeting, determine how to run the meeting, schedule refreshments etc. Father will develop the letter that will be sent with the invite. Parish members will be advised to check the bulletin for more information.

OLD BUSINESS

Framing Update:

*Sketches used in the creation of the carved statues around the altar and ambo have been framed. Father will work with Walter to have these hung in the Family Center

Diocesan Capital Campaign:

St. Joseph's goal is set at \$440,000 to be collected over a five-year period. If this goal is met, the parish will retain 65% (\$286,000) and 35% (\$154,000) will go to the Diocese. The Diocesan portion also contains the 2022-2023 Diocesan Annual Appeal, though the DAA will return in 2023-2024

*Anything over goal will be returned to the parish in the same ratio (65/35) used originally.

*Tentatively, if goal not met, St. Joe's would still need to cover the amount for the regular DAA.

- *Pending kickoff is January 2023 with the theme “Inspired by the Spirit”.
- *Target numbers are based off a parish’s annual income.
- *Bulk of the funds that the Diocese is receiving this campaign will be used for establishing the Catholic Foundation of West Central Wisconsin. This foundation should be able to grant gifts and grants to parishes for years to come. Also, Holy Cross Diocesan Center’s HVAC system needs serious work.
- *A subcommittee with both Parish Council and Finance members will be formed. Theron volunteered to represent Parish Council.
- *Lynch Development Associates is the company running this campaign for the Diocese.

Diocesan Annual Appeal Update:

- *\$ 58,505 is the parish’s goal for the year, plus \$4,900 for house in Nicaragua. Deadline is June 30th. So far, 58.6% has been raised.

NEW BUSINESS

Boiler Recommendation:

- *A copy of the bid from Ahern for a new boiler was shared with Council members. Other bids were discussed as well. It is felt that Ahern’s bid, even though not the lowest, should be accepted as the company has a boiler the size we are looking for and has a solid reputation for doing good work. Ahern is confident that they can remove/install the boiler without much disruption. They also have also extended the warranty to a second season as the boiler is being installed later in this season. Council voted and approved the purchase.
- *The older boiler will be integrated into new system as it is still running well.
- *General info received: It was noted that the parish’s air conditioning is a separate entity and can also provide some heat. If heating system should ever fail, the a/c should be able to warm the building and keep it from freezing.

Emerson Park Donation:

- *Mike Daniels informed the Council that Mike Bialas is involved with the Friends of Emerson Park revitalization campaign.
- *Since St. Joseph’s is part of this community, it would be a gesture of goodwill to the neighborhood if a contribution were made by the parish. Council agreed that this is a good idea. It will move to finance council

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parish Education (Theron & Father):

- *For Lent, committee plans to hold Little Black Book sessions similar to what was done last year. Also, the video presentation “No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ’s Passion.” This will be offered in five different sessions Thursdays: St. Stephen’s in the daytime and St. Joseph’s in the evening).
- *Alpha – Theron, Mike, and Teri Wallner met with some leaders of Alpha at St. Bron’s. Their spring semester begins on Monday. This will be attended as a scouting mission to determine if this is something that should be implemented at St. Joseph’s.
- *CCD – went virtual last week but are back in the classroom again.
- *March for Life with Confirmation candidates has been cancelled due to COVID.
- *Catholic Schools Week is coming up the first weekend in February. Grade level challenges are planned. St. Stephen’s will be having a vocations afternoon with speakers from the Seraphic Adorers in Plover.
- *Cardinal Crusade fundraiser venue has been changed from Sentry to high school (COVID).

Parish Family Life (Mary):

- *Meeting this Sunday, January 23rd. Will be discussing Easter Eggstravaganza, Mother’s Day Rose Sale, and Father’s Day Carnation Sale.

Buildings & Grounds (John):

*No discussion

Call to Justice Committee (Sally):

- *A joint meeting was held with 4-5 parishes attending.
- *Meal of Hope continues - carryout only. Only half the number of meals picked up than before COVID. Remainder of meals were taken to Salvation Army. The Thrivent Grant that Sally applied for is for being used to buy food, toilet paper, etc. that is handed out to people as well.
- *John and Mary Droske will be driving to Ft. McCoy to assist the Afghan settlement there.
- *Local sponsors for Afghan families are being sought. They generally will not be looking for financial support but will need help with general needs - learning the language, providing rides as needed, etc.
- *Discussion regarding the refugees is underway with RentReady. Father was also contacted about the use of the parish's rectory building. These are under discussion.

Sacred Worship Committee (Kris):

- *At their last meeting, committee was getting ready for Christmas. No meeting scheduled currently.

Communication Committee (open for now):

- *No discussion.

St. Anne's (Lynn):

- *No meeting will be held in January/February. However, they did sponsor the last Meal of Hope.
- *Cookie Walk was successful with cookies being sold out in an hour. Twenty-one of the thirty gift baskets available were sold.
- *An updated list of members was received. It was noted that a large number of those listed are considered retired members who are no longer required to help at events.
- *Initial draft of group's brochure is being reviewed.
- *Group would like to fully clean the kitchen but is holding off until after the Italian meal (if held). Kathy has applied for a grant for cleaning supplies and other items that the group can use as needed.

Holy Name (Mike):

- *Men's Prayer Group breakfasts continue to be held once a month. Piggy banks are put out for donations ("Feed the Pig") that will be used to build a house in Nicaragua.
- *St. Joe's Day Pasta Dinner: Group would like to sponsor, but must be in person as pasta does not travel well. Will wait and see if can happen with COVID.

Other Discussion:

- *Winterfest will be held like last year, only to-go.
- *Food pantry was very thankful for Council's donation for Christmas. food items were especially appreciated. Mobile Food Pantry is out of what used to be Redeemer Lutheran Church.
- *Father asked that members consider parish members that could be asked to serve on next year's Council. Dave, Lori, Lynn, Kris, and Theron will be asked if they are willing to serve another 2-year term.
- *Thank-you cards were signed. Mary will forward to sellers of Scrip.

CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURN:

Closing prayer: Father Hennes

Meeting adjourned 7:45 pm

NEXT MEETING:

Date: March 17 2022 6:00 pm

Volunteer for prayer: Fr. Hennes

Agenda items: Synod meeting/discussion, Annual Appeal, Capital Campaign, Picnic basket,

Annual Agenda Items: Stipend for choir directors (Nov.and prior to Easter), Lenten book for parishioners, Thank you list (Jan), Picnic basket (March), Tithing/Vision statement (May), Christmas basket (November)

Secretary: Mary Stroik