

MINUTES OF THE ST. JOSEPH PASTORAL COUNCIL
September 16, 2021, 6:00 pm. .

Members in Attendance:

	Father Hennes	715-341-1617
2023	Mike Daniels (via Zoom)	715-340-4857
2023	Tim Higgins	715-630-7900 (cell) 715-345-4563 (home)
2023	John Lutz	715-341-5353
2022	Lynn Meyer	715-341-7104
2023	Sally Nash	715-310-0293
2022	Theron Nash	715-310-0293
2022	Dave Osier	715-544-0674
2022	Kris Strigel	715-341-8060

Absent/Excused Members:

2022	Lorie Liss	715-630-4809
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*May's minutes were approved previously via email.

Opening Prayer: Father Hennes

New members were welcomed to the Council. These included Mike Daniels, Tim Higgins, John Lutz, and Sally Nash.

OLD BUSINESS

Election of Officers:

*Theron Nash and Tim Higgins will serve as co-presidents for the Council. Motion made and seconded.

Framing Update:

*Sample frames and mats for the twelve sketches of altar statues were reviewed. Final color choice was agreed upon. Mary will forward sketches to framer to be worked on. Hopefully, they will be done by November. Placement will be discussed at the next meeting.

Religious Education Position:

*The position remains open. In the meantime, Kristi and Father have worked to take care of coordinating the program for this year. The hunt to fill the position will start again in October. This will allow those who are graduating at semester to apply.

*With COVID, the location of the programs has been moved to St. Stephens to allow for more distancing opportunities. Lynn asked when the classes would be moved back to St. Joe's. Father is working to meet COVID requirements so would like to have large classrooms that allow for individual space and better circulation. He will discuss with Director of Religious Education as well as the catechists to see what their thoughts are.

Picnic Update:

*Father reported that the picnic this year was a success. A \$250 gift was received from both the local and national Catholic Financial Life offices so \$500 went toward the event's net profit. Father will forward the financial breakdown from the picnic to Council members.

NEW BUSINESS

Diocesan Capital Campaign/Diocesan Annual Appeal:

*The Diocesan Capital has been delayed at this time.

*The regular annual Diocesan Appeal will be held again this year in place of the Capital Campaign.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

* Concerns about the printing of anniversaries and birthdays in the bulletin. Dates printed are sometimes inaccurate as members may leave the parish, married outside the parish, been divorced, etc. If they do not notify the parish office, how would the office know?

*The idea of only printing milestone events was discussed – certain ages or years of marriage would be recognized. Also, some notation that shows which parish the person belongs to in the bulletin list may be beneficial. The number of years married rather than the date of marriage would be preferred but would require additional time for bulletin prep.

*A census would difficult at this time as there are many priority projects now in place for the office. Would this be a good summer project? Many members are gone during the summer so contacting them is difficult.

- *Father plans to reach out to parish groups asking that they supply a current list of members and their contact info. This would be consolidated into one master list that would be shared with all groups.
- *It was agreed at this time that things would be left as is regarding birthdays and anniversaries in the bulletin. The complaint seems to be an exception. Leaving the dates in also shows that St. Joe's is a parish that cares about its members.

Convocation:

- *On October 30th the *Revive!* event will be held at the Stevens Point Holiday Inn Convention Center from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm. It will be free to everyone with breakout sessions, lunch, and discussion. Ron Huntley will be the key speaker (Co-founder of the Divine Renovation model of parish renewal).

Vision Statement goals from councils and committees:

- *Over the summer, the Vision committee was able to develop the following parish vision statement:

Embracing the gospel, St. Joseph Catholic parish aspires to be a vibrant welcoming community who engage all we encounter as we build up the family of God.

- *This statement was sent to parish groups to review and discuss. They were advised to develop goals for their group and forward back to the Vision committee for review. Per Lynn and Kris, only two committees have responded as of this time. They will be sending out another request for input.
- *Ideas for what to do when more responses received were discussed. Review for connections between the groups' goals to see where they overlap? Share all responses with all groups so they can see what others are doing to possibly work on projects together? Get the groups together to see how their goals fit with the mission statement of the parish? Have small group discussions throughout the year to discuss common parameters and start getting the focus off their individual groups and more about the parish/community as a whole? Prepare for developing new vision for next year?
- *Lynn suggested that a timeline needs to be developed to keep the project moving forward. Also, someone needs to be assigned to watch over the project and continue organizing. She also pointed out that Council itself has not developed its own goals yet and that these should be worked on soon.
- *Lynn offered the idea that parish members with common parameters (age, parents, singles, etc.) be personally invited to attend discussion groups to get to know one another and share what they are looking for from the parish. Parish Council should be in charge of.
- *Father advised that plans can be discussed after goals received from more committees. This will be covered further at the next Council meeting.

Other New Business:

- *Father will check into providing Mass counts for the 2019 and 2020 to the Council as they could not be located in past minutes, etc.
- *Binders will be provided to new Council members at end of this meeting.
- *An updated list of name and contact info for Council members and committee chairs will be sent to Council members.
- *The search for a Director of Sacred Music that would serve both parishes continues. Qualifications being sought are appreciation for eclectic styles of music, ability to substitute for the choir directors or musicians as needed, familiarity with sacred music, etc.

COMMUNICATIONS/THANKS YOU NOTES:

- *Cards were tabled until the next meeting. Alternatives considered were putting a note of appreciation in the bulletin, holding an appreciation party once a year (also a chance to talk about how things are going and what might be done to improve them), etc.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- *It was agreed that Religious Ed, Parish Education, and Parish Catholic Schools would be combined under one report for now. Also, St. Anne's and Holy Name Society reports will be added going forward.

Religious Ed (Father Hennes), Parish Education (Theron), and Parish Catholic Schools (Lorie):

- *Movie nights were held but attendance was quite low.
- *School year has started with a new principal in place. Opening was rough with 12 COVID cases in the first week. Masks are now required which resulted in some pushback from parents. This seems to be calming down.
- *Religious Ed held Parents Night which was well attended.
- *Confirmation will be held November 7th at St. Bron's. Only students and sponsors will be able to attend due to COVID.
- *A calendar will be printed as a Christmas gift to the parish highlighting one of the individuals featured in the statues on the altar every month.

Parish Family Life Committee (Mary):

*Committee meeting needed to be postponed due to COVID issues. Another meeting is planned in the next few weeks where goals will be discussed.

Buildings & Grounds (John in the future):

*Staircase options are being considered.

*Looking into options for rainwater at the back entrance

Call to Justice Committee (Sally in the future):

*Meals of Hope are being held again. Drive-thru is available as well as sharing meal inside.

Sacred Worship Committee (Kris in the future):

*No report at this time.

Communication Committee (open for now):

*No information at this time. Chair has resigned.

St. Anne's (Lynn in the future):

*Group potluck will be held October 4th. Attendees are encouraged to bring a guest.

*Bake sale will be held after Masses October 23-24,

*Number of groups has been reduced to seven as there are fewer members and many who have entered the 80+ age range.

*Group want to create a brochure just about St. Anne's (part of their goal) to be handed out to new parish members.

Holy Name (Mike in the future):

*Pork dinner will be held in October. Orders will only be to-go.

MEMBERS IN DISTRESS – Parish members with COVID.

CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURN:

Closing prayer: Father Hennes

Meeting adjourned 8:10 pm.

NEXT MEETING:

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

Volunteer for prayer: Lynn Meyer

Thank You List: Tabled for next meeting.

Agenda items: Pastor pictures, locations of statue sketches, stipends for choir directors, thank you list.

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

Secretary: Mary Stroik