

ST. JOSEPH PASTORAL COUNCIL

March 21, 2024

Members in Attendance:

Ex. Off. Rev. Jeffrey Hennes
2025 Mike Daniels
2025 John Lutz
2024 Dave Osier
2024 Kris Hansen

Absent/Excused Members:

2025 Tim Higgins
2025 Ellen Miskowski

- I. Meeting began with prayer at 6:07 p.m.
- II. Minutes for the January meeting were approved over email and posted.
- III. Featured Discussion - Picnic Basket
 - A. The Council will again sponsor a Raffle Basket for the picnic. Please give your offering to Kris or drop it off at the office.
 - B. It was shared that Holy Name will also sponsor a basket.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Diocesan Annual Appeal: Our goal is \$57,870, and we have just shy of 50% of our goal with \$27,630 pledged from 104 families.
 - B. Inspired by the Spirit: Our goal was \$440,000, and we have \$412,522.80 pledged from 127 families.
 - C. Building Project Updates:
 1. Lighting: the last fixtures have been ordered and will be installed by our staff & volunteers.
 2. Sprinklers: the final portion of the yard will be installed along with the staircase project.
 3. Staircase/Railing: The contract has been signed, and we are just waiting for Alchemy's start date.
 4. HVAC: All prep work has been completed, and we are waiting for the units to arrive for installation in April or May.
 5. Boiler: Running well, with only minor adjustments to the system needing to be made.
- V. New Business
 - A. Revisit the Carpeting/Painting project.
 1. With the remaining funds from the Inspired by the Spirit Campaign, we would like to contact contractors to get updated bids for painting and carpeting in the gather space, office, and family center. All in attendance were in agreement that this was a good project.
 - B. Range
 1. There have been many concerns regarding the reliability of the range in the kitchen.
 2. Pricing was received for a Vulcan range and shared with St. Anne's
 - C. Parish Council Elections
 1. The terms for two members are up, and they could renew. If interested, they should let Father or the office know.
 2. We will take nominations in April/May.
- VI. Committee Reports:
 - A. Education - Fr. Hennes:
 1. Religious Education is on spring break, and just a few classes remain. A middle/high school youth rally will be held on April 17 at St. Brons. Our High School students will participate in the Answer Rally or a Book Study for their summer fullness of faith experience. Christine and Father will attend the Life Teen Youth Minister's Convention this summer. There are plans for a middle school youth trip this summer, and our Confirmation retreat has been scheduled for September 22.

2. Catholic School: The new president is settling in. There will be some renovations at the St. Stephen Campus to add a STEM classroom, so Summer Blast will be held at the High School.
 3. The Homeschool group plans to return next year.
 4. The Lenten study was well attended each week, and there was lots of good discussion.
- B. Parish Family Life - Tim (shared via email):
1. Socials have been going well, with attendance of 25-30 on Saturdays and 30-35 on Sundays
 2. The March 16 & 17 social was hosted by the homeschool group Catholic Schoolhouse. Students from the group performed songs and recited the Hail Mary in Latin, and one student recited the Gettysburg Address from memory.
 3. The Eggstravaganza will be held on March 30 following the Blessing of Easter Food. There will be games, crafts, food, raffles, and a scavenger hunt.
- C. Buildings & Grounds - John:
1. The lighting project continues. Materials to finish the lighting are on order.
 2. The snow blower attachment needs repair. Bearings need replacing along with other maintenance issues. Walter feels he will be able to get through this winter, and in the spring, the blower needs to go in for repair. At that time, an evaluation as to whether it would be a better idea to upgrade to a new attachment or repair the one in use, which is 8 years old. A new attachment would be roughly \$2300.00.
- D. Call to Justice - Tim (shared via email):
1. The last meal was held on March 18, with 23 meals served, a bit lower, but carry-outs were higher. They continue to look for monthly sponsors to host/serve the meal.
 2. An outside grant of \$1,000 was received to continue the food pantry in the future.
- E. Sacred Worship - Kris:
1. They are still looking at options for a new outdoor Creche to replace the old one. Due to spacing, they are looking for a silhouette rather than statues.
 2. The St. Joseph Mass and social event were well attended. St. Joseph rosaries and novenas were gifted to all in attendance.
 3. Lenten Reconciliation was held at St. Joe's. Attendance was a little light, but it was the first of the Lenten season.
- F. St. Anne's
1. They are looking to assist in purchasing a new range.
 2. They have a meeting in April and Christine is their guest speaker.
- G. Holy Name - Mike:
1. Hosted the February Meal of Hope and purchased items for the pantry. They served 60 meals.
 2. Helping with the Eggstravaganza by providing cinnamon rolls.
 3. Men's Prayer group has been well attended, with about thirteen in attendance.

VII. Next meeting - May 14, 2024 at 6 p.m.