

ST. JOSEPH'S PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

August 3, 2015

Call to Order: Nancy Roske called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Members present: Fr. Ron Dockendorf, Nancy Roske, Gene Waldorf, Linda Gohman, Joe Arnzen, Ermina Blaeser, Marc Brinkman, Thom Muellner, Bob Zollar,
Guests: Chico Hellman, Jonelle Kirchner, Jean Smoley, Bernie Waldorf

Opening Prayer - The Parish Pastoral Council Prayer was read by all.

Agenda - A motion was made to accept the agenda as amended.

Motion Thom Muellner 2nd by Marc Brinkman The Motion carried.

Minutes: - A motion was made to accept the minutes of June 1 with corrections.

Motion Bob Zollar 2nd Thom Muellner The motion carried.

Reports:

Faith Formation - No Report

Christian Women - Jean Smoley – A correction to the June 1 minutes; Rosemary Berscheit was installed as Vice president. Christian Women's group will receive communion in a body on the Feast of the Assumption at the Saturday evening mass. Bake Sale will be held Labor Day weekend.

Finance Committee – Linda Gohman

Linda reported all is well with parish finances. Current checkbook balance is \$134,000.

Joe Spaniol met with the Finance Council to better clarify the roles and responsibilities of Trustees; Finance Council Members and Parish Council Members.

Maintenance Update - Chico Hellman

The natural gas has been hooked up in all but one location and the propane has been disconnected. The church will be closed on Monday & Tuesday Aug. 10-11; due to waxing of floors and cleaning of carpets. One Sprinkler head required replacement and was done for no additional charges. Lawn Mower required repairs of approximately \$1000. It is working good now, but it was suggested to build the cost of a new mower in the 2016 parish budget. Chico will provide costs to the Finance council.

Unfinished Business/Updates

Pastoral Council Liaison- Thom Muellner No information received.

Cemetery Update – Nancy Roske

Cemetery Committee Julie & Bill Berscheit and Nancy & Brian Roske continue coordinating records by comparing current lay out of cemetery to maps at Parish Office as well as input from family members who have noticed discrepancies of stone placement. Next they will contact Larry Kerzman and compare his records with our updated maps. The company we will hire to organize and print records has been notified that this process is taking longer than was anticipated. We hope to be in contact with them sometime this fall. In the future Cemetery will be added to the reports section of the agenda.

Parish Vibrancy Tool – Gene Waldorf – Bernie Waldorf

Meetings started on July 8 and have been held each Wednesday and will continue for the next several Wednesdays. Meetings have been well attended with excellent participation. Survey results of this group have been compared to the results from the parishioner's surveys. At the end of these meetings, recommendations will be made as to which changes we would like to be considered in our parish.

Parishioner vs. Non-Parishioner:

Ermina and Bob have met with Cindy for an overview of inactive parishioners. Ermina shared letters other pastors have written to inactive parishioners. The Vibrancy Committee is also working on ways to get the inactive people back to an active role. Ermina suggested that the entire parish council along with input from the Parish Vibrancy Group work on the definition and expectations of a parishioner.

Auction Dinner Fundraiser – Thom -

Proceeds were down from previous year perhaps due to several other events going on the same evening. Thom suggested moving it back to the Grey Eagle area next year. Comments have been made about changing it up a bit, but so far no one has come forward with ideas.

Signs - Joe Arnzen reported MP &L has a rental fee for placing signs on power poles. Signs will not be placed on the poles. No decisions were made as to where to place signs.

Railings – Joe Arnzen reported railing have been reconstructed and painted to match.

New Business

Open Positions: Carol Duke had agreed to be the Council Secretary. Brian & Nancy Roske and Bill & Julie Berscheit have volunteered for the Cemetery Superintendent position.

Motion: Thom Muellner 2nd Bob Zollar Motion carried.

Parish Hall Rental – Limit on Hours

Linda and Nancy reported the rental policy has been revised and updated to include the recommendations of the June 1 meeting.

Motion: Gene Waldorf 2nd Marc Brinkman The motion carried.

Sunday Mass Time Change–It has been suggested to change the Mass time in Grey Eagle from 9:00 to 8:30 A.M. to allow Father Ron to spend some time with the parishioners and make it to Swanville for the 10:30 A.M. Mass. Media will need to be notified of the Mass schedule change. Changes will start after the Labor Day weekend.

Motion: Bob Zollar 2nd Marc Brinkman One opposed. The motion carried.

Pastor comments: Father Ron said Bishop Donald Kettler would like to visit our parish. Father will check the Bishops schedule to see when this can take place. He thanked all who helped in any way with the vacation bible camp and to all for everything that we do.

Adjournment at 8:45 PM. Next Meeting Date: Monday October 5, 2015.

Unapproved minutes submitted by Ermina Blaeser