

ST JOSEPH'S PASTORAL COUNCIL

October 5, 2016

Call to Order: Bob Zollar called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm

Opening prayer read by all

Members present: Bob Zollar, Father Ron, Julie Berscheid, Joe Arnzen, Marc Brinkman, Ermina Blaeser, Linda Gohman

Members absent: Chuck Sprenger

Guests: Chico Hellmann, Connie Tschida and Curt Hanson (Diocese Catholic Foundation)

Secretary: Carol Duke

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from August 6 meeting Joe motioned to approve Ermina second approved by all.

Approval of Agenda: Add Curt Hanson to speak first, Add parish elections. Approved.

Curt spoke of the money placed in the funeral fund with the Catholic Foundation. He discussed the annual report, fee is 9/10 of 1 % and investing in home grown funds. Discussion about Curt coming to Mass to discuss with parishioners end of life estate planning available through the Diocese.

REPORTS:

1) **Faith Formation:** Connie relayed from the August 30 meeting Father Ron praised Carissa for her good work. Bible school was canceled due to lack of interest. Need one more teacher for Faith Formation. It was suggested to combine 9 and 10th grades. A confirmation contract letter to be assigned to confirmation students for their commitment. Father Ron stated if students can attend sports events they should be able to attend Faith Formation. A Grant was received for Faith Formation. Next meeting is November 7.

2) **Christian Women:** No Report

3) **Finance:** Linda reported checking balance of \$151251.89. New software program is working well for Cindy. Donations to the funeral endowment is available.

4) **Maintenance:** Chico reported Loren Bitz donating his time to blow out the sprinklers is much appreciated. Ralph Wolbeck is not able to help with snow removal this year, cement work on shed is complete.

5) **Cemetery:** All grave sites/lots are up to date and paid for. Detailing of the cemetery book is in process. Bids in place to add another row at the cemetery.

6) **Council Liaison:** Ermina reported the Bishop is questioning the alarming rate of young people leaving the church and to what extent we are doing to keep them involved. Ermina received no feedback on election choices of judges.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1) **Face time update** with Gene nothing new to report

2) **Parish Census:** Ermina reported receiving about half of the survey's returned. She is still compiling results.

3) **Dinner/Auction:** Bob reported the auction dinner is set for Friday June 9 at The Hub.

- 4) **Fill in for Cindy** is responsibility of trustees
- 5) **Tree Donation:** Unable to find a good place to set a donated tree. Suggestion to donate Bachmans gift certificate to parish auction
- 6) **Wake clean ups:** Possible volunteers for event coordinators from survey.
- 7) **Change of Bylaws:** A vote to change the wording in the bylaws to read: Section V-C remove period after “membership” and add “except that ex officio members shall not be included in the council membership when determining a meeting quorum.” Gene motioned to pass (at prior meeting), Marc seconded, approved by all.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) **Endowment fund** discussed at the top of meeting
- 2) **Vibrancy:** Communication with parishioners waiting for results of survey.
- 3) **Parish Elections for Council:** We need 4 volunteers to run for two positions opening.

Pastor Comments: Father Ron asked that we all continue to pray for vocation to the Church. Father said there is a catholic women conference October 15 looking for attendees from the parish.

NEXT MEETING: December 5 ,2016

Closing prayer read by all.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Unapproved minutes submitted by Carol Duke