

St. Joseph's Pastoral Council Meeting

October 7th, 2015

Call to Order: Nancy Roske Called the meeting to order at 8:24 pm

Members present: Fr. Ron Dockendorf, Nancy Roske, Linda Gohman, Joe Arnzen, Marc Brinkman, Thom Muellner, Bob Zollar.

Members absent: Ermina Blaeser, Gene Waldorf

Guests: Jean Smoley, Bill and Julie Berscheit. **Secretary:** Carol Duke.

Opening Prayer: The Parish Council Prayer was read by all

Agenda: The motion was made to accept the agenda with some items tabled for December's meeting due to late meeting time. Motion by Bob Zollar and seconded by Joe Arnzen. Motion carried.

Minutes: A motion was made by Marc to accept the minutes, Nancy seconded. Motion carried.

Reports:

Faith Formation: No Report – Nancy will contact Cindy to see who should be attending the Parish Council meetings to provide a report.

Christian Women: Jean said the Bake sale was a great success. Thanks to all who bought and donated. They have elected new officers, they are doing Christmas pails and a remembrance mass in December

Finance: - Linda Gohman: Fiscal year \$20,000 Income \$12000 expense as of July 1st \$11000 net surplus. Nancy asked when the last audit was. Linda will research.

Maintenance Update: No report

Cemetery Report: Bill and Julie discussed cemetery repairs. Contact has been attempted with Larry Kerzman with no reply as of this date. Ken Frieler may also be available to do the repairs.

Julie suggested the youth group could take on the digging of the foot stones as a youth project.

They will discuss with Carissa for a spring project. Motion made by Bob to hire ken Frieler and seconded by Joe. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business/ Updates:

Pastoral Council Liason: Thom handed out a letter with questions that the bishop would like us to answer. Parish council should provide their input and put in offertory with Thom's name the envelope. Discussion about Questions from the Bishop.

Vibrancy Tool: Linda said the first priority from this is a Words of Wisdom section in Bulletin. Eucharistic minister schedule is being revised for Saturday nights and a training schedule is being discussed.

Nancy asked what do parishioners who participated in these meetings want and did they achieve what the group wanted from the Vibrancy tool before it was submitted?

Julie expressed concerns that all priorities from the meeting were not included in the list sent to the Diocese. All concerns should have been on the list regardless of the priority. Jean also felt

not enough was included in the final report. Nancy suggested we get the report back from Diocese and resend when complete. This will allow the parishioners in the vibrancy group to wrap up their recommendations/suggestions and then have it presented to the Parish Council prior to sending it to the Diocese. Linda will work with Gene who to contact at the diocese. If Gene and Bernie wanted to step down since they are out of state for a while, Bill and Julie volunteered to take over for them.

Signs: Tabled

Parishioner vs non Parishioner: Tabled

New Business:

Nominations Committee needed for Parish Council: Joe and Bob volunteered. Cindy had two candidates. Nancy's term is completed and cannot run again according to the terms in the By-Laws.

Election Weekend: It was discussed to try and avoid voting during the hunting weekends. Bob will work with Cindy to set the date and Cindy can put the notices in the bulletin along with the candidates.

Railings by Alter: It was decided Lector's may sit where it is convenient to access the podium. If they choose to sit in the middle there is a railing by the step for them to use. They can choose to remain on the altar during the responsorial psalm if they prefer.

Meeting Absences: This was discussed as to what is acceptable. Linda will research By-Laws and see what committees it affects. If you join it should be a commitment. With technology there are various ways that you can still participate in the meetings.

Pictorial Directory: 152 families took pictures for the directory. October 9 was deadline for submitting.

Mass Time Change: One letter was received regarding Mass time change to 8:30 AM. The decision was discussed and the council reiterated that the purpose of changing the Mass time was to accommodate Father so he had time to visit with parishioners after Mass. This decision has been in the works for quite some time.

Religion Outside Supervisor: Concern for children playing recklessly waiting for parents after religion. Bob will supervise from this point on and if he is unable to attend, then he will contact another parish council member to fill in.

Putting ceramic tile in main entry: Tabled

Pictures/Website: Tabled

Church open: Tabled

Father's Comments: Father wanted to thank all the people involved with the directory. Father again wanted to thank the Parish Council and all parishioners for adjusting the Sunday Mass to 8:30 AM so he is able to greet members after Mass. He appreciates the ability to attend other Diocese functions in a timely manner after Sunday Masses.

Meeting adjourned: at 10:20 pm

Next meeting date: December 7 at 7:30 pm

Unapproved minutes submitted By: Carol Duke