

St. Joseph's Pastoral Council Meeting

December 7th, 2015

Call to Order: Nancy Roske Called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm

Members Present: Fr. Ron Dockendorf, Nancy Roske, Joe Arnzen, Marc Brinkman, Thom Muellner, Bob Zollar, Ermina Blaeser, Chuck Sprenger, Julie Berscheit

Members Absent: Gene Waldorf, Linda Gohman

Guests: Jean Smoley, Chico Hellman, Patsy Ahrens. **Secretary:** Carol Duke.

Opening Prayer: The Parish Council Prayer was read by all

Agenda: Bob requested some items added to the agenda. The motion was made to accept the revised agenda by Marc Brinkman and seconded by Bob Zollar. Motion carried. Cindy is requesting someone to run the video camera Christmas Eve. It was discussed to ask the ushers for that night.

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

Reports:

Faith Formation: No Report –Questions arose who is in charge of Faith Formation and who should be attending the Parish Council meetings to provide a report.

Christian Women: Jean reported they have elected new officers. Rosemary Berscheit is now the president, they are doing Christmas pails and a baby Jesus shower to young mothers in need.

Finance: Jonelle reported adult giving is down, loose giving is down. Attendance is also down. Total income from giving is down \$2000 from last year. We did receive \$1000 from Catholic United. She suggested Father Ron mention giving in a sermon. Patsy is replacing Julie on the Finance Board. Some discussion was made over reasons attendance and giving is down.

Maintenance Update: Chico says Natural gas is working well.

Cemetery Report: Julie reported everything is moving in the right direction with cemetery repairs and the moving of stones will occur in the spring. Lots are available for sale.

Unfinished Business/ Updates:

Pastoral Council Liason: Thom reported no feedback as of yet from the parish. New liason to be appointed.

Vibrancy Tool: Julie waiting from word back from Gene Waldorf on updates. The meetings will begin again in January with recommendations to council after. Bob questioned some of the concerns not addressed on the first session. A call is into the deacon on the flow of the Vibrancy report. Most other parishes have not done this as we have. A suggestion was made to publish results in the bulletin when available.

Parishioner vs Non parishioner: Ermina is referring this to vibrancy committee. Ideas were discussed how to reach out to parishioners who belong but don't attend Mass.

Signs: Joe reported signs are in the same place and we need a permit for new signs placed on state roads. There are fees to place signs on Minnesota Power Company poles.

Absences: Linda not present to discuss. The bylaws do not state what is required for attendance. Discussion about how trustees are appointed, what decisions trustees can make and their privileges. Audits are generally done every 5 years or upon change of pastors. Tabled until next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Welcome new board members Chuck and Julie.

Election of Officers: New board members are not allowed to be nominated the first year. Joe nominated Bob as president. Seconded by Ermina. All in favor. Ermina nominated Marc as vice-president. Marc volunteered to take the job. Cindy will update the list of officers. Pastoral Council Liason was Thom and Ermina volunteered for this position.

Pictures on Website: Cindy was approached to put parish function pictures on the website. Discussion took place about the pros and cons and it will not be pursued at this time.

Church locked: Questions arose as to why the church is locked. It came about after some churches in St Cloud were vandalized. Julie asked if we could just keep the adoration chapel open and set up kneelers and candles. Tabled until next meeting.

Ceramic Tile: Tabled until we need to replace the carpet in the entry.

Employee Ethics: Discussion of the employees of the church and if we have an ethics policy. As in any business concerns with employer (the church) should be addressed to the council or pastor and not out in the community.

Father's Comments: Bishop's visit went well and he enjoyed the Mass and meal afterwards. He is impressed with the sidewalk and building access. He commended the Mass time change as a good benefit for the church. The bishop questioned the number of parish council meetings and it's best to keep those at 6 per year and 3 Masses per weekend. A parishioner has expressed concerns about books being left on their cars at 4:30 Mass. Ushers may monitor this.

A big thank you to Thom Muellner and Nancy Roske for their time served on the council.

Prayer and meeting adjourned at 9:09.

Unapproved minutes submitted by Carol Duke