

St Joseph's Pastoral Council Meeting

February 1, 2016

Call to order: Marc Brinkman called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

Members Present: Father Ron Dockendorf, Joe Arnzen, Marc Brinkman, Chuck Sprenger, Julie Berscheit. **Absent:** Gene Waldorf, Linda Gohman, Bob Zollar, Ermina Blaeser.

Secretary: Carol Duke

Guests: Carissa Bitz, Lois Thielen, Chico Hellmann, Rosemary Berscheit, John Kunstleben

Opening Prayer: Prayer read by all present.

Approval of Agenda: Agenda read but not approved as no quorum present.

Minutes: Minutes read but not approved as no quorum present.

Reports:

Faith Formation: Carissa Bitz

Carissa asked if attendance is required at meetings or can her notes be submitted.

Classes are going well, the youth have done 2 service projects, caroled at Christmas and have offered student led masses. David Renaldi will be coming to speak. Faith formation is looking into purchasing a new laptop and Clarissa is looking for guidance from a parishioner on laptop choices. She is also looking to other parishes for ideas that work well for them with youth groups. Next faith formation meeting is February 22.

Christian Women: Rosemary Berscheit

The Group filled 40 pails that were distributed to those in need locally. Christian Women collected for the Baby Jesus shower and thank the parishioners for their donations.

The CW have purchased some 6 minute reflection books for the Easter Season for those interested in one.

There will be an officers meeting this week to set the 2016 schedule.

Finance: No report

Maintenance: Chico

Furnace work is done all is working fine

Cemetery Update: Julie

All plans still in progress and the spring headstone project is on plan.

Pastoral Council Liason: Ermina- no report

Unfinished Business:

Parish Vibrancy: Julie Berscheit

Julie reported they have had 3 very productive meetings and have compiled and voted on 9 items. 1) evaluate the sound system 2) Parishioner in need of clergy service after hours 3) Invest in our youth 4) Personal Contact to parishioners 5) Personal contact to members during transition periods 6) Church access 7) Training and appreciation for volunteers 8) effective communication with parishioners. 9) Addressing attrition of parish due to conflicts.

Signs: Joe said signs will be placed in spring

Meeting Absence: no report

Locking Church: Keep parishioners informed of any changes

Employee ethics: Tabled

NEW BUSINESS:

Fundraiser: Set for Melrose VFW June 24. Discussion of other local options for 2017.

Appreciation Dinner: Looking for volunteers to take on this project.

Pastors Comments: The Bishop will be sending more information during lent for year of Mercy.

Next meeting: April 4 2016

Adjourned: 8:22

Closing Prayer

Unapproved minutes by Carol Duke.