

**ST. JOSEPH'S PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**April 6, 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, Jonelle Kirchner, Bob Zollar, Joanne Polhmann, Jean Smoley

**Members not present – Thom Muellner** **Guests:** Chico Hellman, Julie Berscheit

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

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

Motion Joe Arnzen                      2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Zollar                      The Motion carried.

**Minutes:** - A motion was made to accept the minutes of February 3, 2015

Motion Marc Brinkman                      2<sup>nd</sup> Joe Arnzen                      The motion carried.

**Reports:**

**Faith Formation** – Joanne Pohlmann – Nancy Ahrens resigned. Peggy Newberg had the next amount of votes, therefore will be on the board. The group has not had a meeting at this time. Joanne will facilitate the next meeting in late April.

**Christian Women -** Jean Smoley – A meeting will be held April 9. They will host the Sauk Centre/Melrose Deanery meeting on April 28. The bake sale will be held Memorial Day weekend.

**Finance Committee – Jonelle Kirchner**

In February Adult income is up from last year. 2014 - \$13,605.99    2015 – 14,770.32  
April 6, 2015 Total \$218,191.28. The parish is financially sound.

**Maintenance Update - Chico**

Greater Minnesota Gas is coming to town. A decision must be made if the church wants to convert to natural gas. Estimates were presented for the conversion. Natural gas is much less in price.

A motion was made to change to natural gas except the water heater in the kitchen.

Motion Bob Zollar                      2<sup>nd</sup> Marc Brinkman                      The motion carried.

A motion was made to use SCR to change the equipment to natural gas.

Motion Marc Brinkman                      2<sup>nd</sup> Ermina Blaeser                      The motion carried.

Lawn mower – to repair the lawn mower is approximately \$1100.

A new lawn mower is \$7,000 - \$9,000 without any accessories.

Suggestion – run the old lawn mower until it breaks. Then, purchase a new lawn mower.

A motion was made to use the old lawn mower until it breaks. If necessary, equipment will be rented until the next meeting in June.

Motion - Joe Arnzen                      2<sup>nd</sup> Marc Brinkman                      The motion carried.

Sod will be laid where the water runs off the roof and creates a divot in the grass.

**Unfinished Business/Updates**

**Pastoral Council Liaison- Thom Mueller** No Report

**Cemetery Update – Julie**

**Cemetery Superintendent of the Grey Eagle Cemetery**

A job description was submitted for review by the council.

A recommendation was made to solicit a volunteer for this position.

A motion was made to accept the cemetery superintendent job description as printed.

Motion – Bob Zollar                                2<sup>nd</sup> Ermina Blaeser                                The motion carried.

**Cemetery Policy**

A Cemetery Policy was submitted for review.

A motion was made to accept the Cemetery Policy as revised.

Motion - Marc Brinkman                                2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Zollar                                The motion carried.

A motion was made to dissolve the cemetery committee upon completion of a few tasks.

Motion - Marc Brinkman                                2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Zollar                                The motion carried.

**Parish Vibrancy Tool – Gene Waldorf** - suggested that various groups of the parish should be involved. Gene will submit a written report at the next meeting.

**Fish Fry Results – Bob Zollar** The final financial report is not available. Ticket sales 199 vs. 233 last year.

**New Business**

**Auction Dinner Fundraiser – Thom** - No report. It was suggested to call it the Parish Fundraiser.

**Pictorial Directory-** Marilyn reported that we have signed with Life Touch. Pictures will be taken July 22 – 25, 2015 and September 16- 19, 2015. They offer a free 8 x 10 for each parishioner and a free picture directory. It will be chaired by Jenny Ahrendt.

**Parishioner vs. Non-parishioner Definition**

A committee of 3 or 4 will create guidelines and present it to the parish council.

Bob Zollar, Ermina, and Cindy will be on the committee.

**Ex-Officio Voting Members Clarification (By-laws and Council Members List)**

Gene will work with Cindy to correct the By-laws and Council Members List.

**Recording Secretary Position**

Marilynn Blommel has resigned from the recording secretary position.

Recommendations – Nancy will check with a few parishioners to see if they would be interested in the position.

**Pastor Comments:** Fr. Ron wanted to thank all the parish council members for their work.

**Adjournment** - Adjourned at 9:20 PM. Next Meeting Date: Monday, June 1, 2015

Unapproved minutes submitted by Marilyn Blommel