

St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
April 8, 2019

Attendees: Craig Behm, Jon Ciccozzi, Nancy Delac, Jon Drexler, Jason Januszewski, Mike Kelley, Father Joe Mamich, Susan Rath, Matthew Tortorici, Thomas Uthup, Bill Velioniskis, Kathy Wright

Excused: Scott Kimble

Guest: Daniel Sater

Called to Order: Craig Behm called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and led the group in prayer.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes from the February 11 meeting were approved as submitted with a correction in the spelling of Marie Burdick's name. Bill Velioniskis made the motion, seconded by Nancy Delac.

Commission Reports:

Spiritual Life: Daniel Sater

Daniel Sater presented to the Parish Council members a summary of subjects reviewed by the commission. Examples: 1)Promote participation in Eucharistic Adoration; 2)Provide and track usage of Eucharistic Adoration cards and brochures (sign-n sheets are not always utilized); 3)Maintain and track sign-in sheets; 4)Support for afternoon/evening devotions in the chapel; 5)Men's renewal; 6)Lectio Divina; 7)Legion of Mary activities and initiatives. A discussion followed regarding Lectio Divina which takes a deeper look at scriptures and focusing on one in particular. Future plans involve utilizing FORMED.ORG to support spiritual growth and involvement with annual 40-hour devotion. Also trying to ensure ongoing participation at commission meetings can be encouraged by utilizing e-mail and the parish bulletin.

Community Life: Nancy Delac

A discussion on whether people can participate in the reverse raffle if they are not in attendance of the event. (perhaps an unattended sideboard could be offered). The monies raised at the events need to be explained. Only six events can be held before the money is taxed at a state level. The golf outing earmarks \$500 for scholarships.

Liturgy: Kathy Wright

Only three people participated in the last meeting. A discussion followed regarding the priest, lectors, and deacons processing the mass from the rear of the church. Father Joe likes to greet the parishioners at the rear of the church prior to the mass. Eucharistic ministers are not required to be part of the procession. The lectors can be seated in the sanctuary until they are done and then can join their families in the church pews after that.

Youth: Bill Velioniskis

Roar Vacation Bible School, June 17-21, is targeted grades K-5. Seventh and eighth graders were participants in Eucharistic Adoration and many wanted to go to confession afterwards. Faith mentors are a good channel to youth learning about God. They are focusing special needs youth.

Follow-up From February Meeting:

Spending update: Father Joe reported that we are \$13,258 behind budget in Sunday collections. Maintenance and Repair Fund is \$1,347 ahead of budget. Overall the parish is \$225,513 better than budget. Loans given to parishioners at a sub-prime rate would be a concern and grants given to parishioners are a good idea, but who would police them?

Organ Update: Father Joe reported the work on the floor will be done next week with the present organ being removed by May 6 and the new replacement organ being in place by July 1. Dedication is hopefully scheduled for October.

Update on Bylaws Revision: It was unanimously agreed upon to approve the by-laws as presented to Parish Council with one revision (Discernment of New Members - "a bulletin-inserted Nomination Form, Facebook and the *parish* website.

Open Forum:

The nominees for Vice Chairman must be first year members: Thomas Uthup, Matt Tortorici, Mike Kelly and Nancy Delac. Mike Kelly has accepted the position as Vice Chairman of the Parish Council. May 20 is the discernment for new members. The April 28 bulletin will invite potential new members. There will be four openings. Father Joe thanked out-going members (Craig Behm, Jason Januszewski, Jon Drexler, and Bill Velioniskis) for their work and support.

Closing Prayer: Craig led the group in the Our Father and adjourned the meeting at 9:00. The next meeting is scheduled for August 12.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Piatak