

St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
August 13, 2018

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

Excused: Matthew Tortoric, Jon Drexler

Called to Order: Craig Behm called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. and led the group in prayer.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes from the June 11th meeting were approved as submitted. Tom Uthup made the motion, seconded by Nancy Delac.

Introduction of New PPC Members: Craig introduced the new member of Parish Council, Mike Kelley, who summarized his commitment to his family and the parish.

Commission Reports:

Community Life: Susann Rath commented that mass counts were done: the first one showed a decrease of 8% in attendance and the second down 21%. The spiritual walks have begun. There was \$267 profit from the 400 Lenten meals served. After some discussion, it was decided not to downgrade the food. Perhaps more signs should be put up to help the participants find designated parking. September 8 is the clambake. The health fare was attended by 300 . The next meeting is September 8.

Liturgy: Jon Ciccozzi said there was no report.

Social Concerns: Father Joe reported that he is still working on hiring a part time person to examine the basic practices.

Spiritual Life: No report

Youth: Bill Velioniskis said there was no report.

Follow up from June Meeting:

A discussion pertaining to whether the commissions should report bi-monthly or one commission being featured at each PPC meeting. The PPC liaison to each commission presently gives a 2 to 3 minute report. Scott Kimble will contact each commission to advise them that the PPC is considering a change in the format. A committee to welcome new parishioners would contact them to see if they are satisfied with their contact with Saint Joe's . Anyone interested in being part of this committee should contact Father Joe.

Pastor's Remarks:

Father Joe reviewed the Parish Snapshot he distributed to the PPC members. It is attached to these minutes. The 102 increase in families registered takes into consideration new families as well as those who have moved and left the parish. He commented on the major expenses in 2016 (new garage and parking lot), 2017 (organ, rectory kitchen, HVAC front offices and bricks), 2018 (organ and sewer replacement). We are presently debt-free and there is presently \$504,000 in the endowment fund. When he came to the parish the church was \$560,000 in debt. We may need to replace the kneelers in the church, which may cost \$35,000. Ten percent of our budget goes for projects outside the parish. Father Joe is getting mixed reviews on the Spanish songs at mass. We

need to be accessible; Catholic means diverse. Strongsville is becoming more diverse; neighborhoods are changing. The PPC encouraged him to try to make changes.

Open Forum:

What is the best way to encourage parishioners to become an active part of our commissions? The welcome committee might be an avenue towards that means. The individual commissions could have a representative at the coffee and donuts to invite parishioners to join. A witness from the respective commission could speak at the mass. There was a discussion regarding the deaths of the unborn fetuses under the care of University Hospital, which is claiming the fetuses to be “medical tissue”. Bill Velioniskis will be actively recruiting parishioners who are pro life. Craig Behm will develop a “Google page” where parishioners can speak of issues to be addressed by PPC. Father Joe commented on an email he received asking if our parish is doing the most good now that we are debt-free. Father Joe extended an invitation to him to attend a PPC meeting. A second email was received listing some ideas: . needy diocesan parish or school, individual needy students in school take on a project such as totally building a house (Habitat), provide grants for worthy projects, lodging (owned and run by the parish) for temporary housing, bring nationally known good speakers in, a parish picnic that was free or at very little cost. He commented that the maintenance and repair fund, which used to be the building fund, is now 50% for the current year and 50% for the future year. The lights in the school have currently been updated to LED as the lights in the front parking lot.

Closing Prayer: Craig Behm led the group in the Our Father and adjourned the meeting at 8:35. The next meeting is scheduled for October 8.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Piatak

Parish Snapshot
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	Year ending June 30,		
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Registered Families	2,774	2,672	2,593
Change from Previous Year	102	79	67
Parish Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (2,942)	\$ 104,262	\$ (105,398)
Bequests	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 86,814
Collections: to budget			
All Regular Offertory	\$ 11,499	\$ 5,219	\$ 31,168
Maintenance and Repair	\$ 2,739	\$ 4,946	\$ 84
Year End Assets	\$ 589,631	\$ 569,796	\$ 579,981
Change from Previous Year	\$ 19,835	\$ (10,185)	\$ (264,346)
Year End Loan Debt	\$ -	\$ 75,129	\$ 184,724
Debt Change from Previous	\$ (75,129)	\$ (109,595)	\$ (85,667)
Major expenses in year:			
	\$ 215,536	\$ 62,428	\$ 286,618
	Organ Sewer*	Organ Bricks Rectory Kitchen HVAC Front Offices	Garage Parking Lot
	unplanned*		