

St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
December 12, 2016

Attendees: Craig Behm, Pete Cardello, Jon Drexler, Sue Haberman, Fr. Joe Mamich, Sam Pingatore, Bob Singerline, David Stavarz, Kathy Tiede, Bill Velioniskis

Excused: Brooklynne Elliot, Judy Feador, Jason Januszewski, David Smee

Called to Order: Sue Haberman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and she led the group in prayer.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes from the October meeting were approved as submitted. Sam Pingatore made the motion and was second by Jon Drexler.

Commission Reports:

Community Life: Fr. Joe reported that Marie Burdick is the new chair of the Community Life Commission. The October Mass count was 29 less than last year. The Clambake was October 29 and attendance was down slightly from last year. The Winter Thaw, aka the Soup and Chili Cook-off, will take place on January 23 immediately after the 4:30 Mass. It is being hosted by Knights of Columbus and the Community Life Commission, and the proceeds will support our Heritage College Scholarship Fund. Cost is \$5 per person. Community Life is looking for someone to head "Lunch with the Bunny" next year. The MOM's group does not want to take it over, nor does ROCK36. Linda Zvoncheck will check to see if the Pre-School PSR folks would like to take it over.

Liturgy: Bob Singerline reported that the new organ was discussed at the last meeting. The commission is looking for someone to operate the zoom lens on the camera during the Christmas and Easter Masses. The group was enthusiastic about ALPHA.

Social Concerns: Kathy Tiede reported that the new mission statement was well received. Virtus training is needed for those working with youth and disabled and needs to be done by end of the year. Anyone who has had this training prior to June of 2016 needs to attend an additional one-hour session. The database that has been established will be tested.

Spiritual Life: Sam Pingatore reported on a discussion regarding the possibility of new commissions being formed, i.e. women's group, divorce prevention, health and wellness.

Stewardship: Bill Velioniskis reported the next meeting will be February 20. Parish Mission is scheduled for March 19-21. There were ninety attendees to Joyfully Gifted, a program which includes 100 questions geared to help make you more aware of your gifts and steer you to which ministries you might be best suited for. A meeting is scheduled for March 26 and the questionnaire will be available on the internet after that date.

Youth: Pete Cardello reported the next meeting is scheduled in January.

Pew Cushions: Bill Velioniskis reported that he will purchase a sample of two different cushions and bring them to the next meeting. There is a need for 20 to 30 of them.

Mission Statement: The group unanimously agreed on the final mission statement as presented. There was mention of adding a "Vision Statement" to the "Mission Statement", which is being tabled at this time.

Pastor's Remarks:

- Father Joe reported that as of October 31, collections are \$14,428 ahead of budget, maintenance and repair \$1,030 ahead, \$32,260 to the good. Since Rooted in Faith donations will end this year, a committee is looking at alternative fund raising. This weekend \$40,000 (the highest amount collected this year) was donated to our parish. All parishes are required to report finances to the diocese in relatively the same categories.
- The greeter program is going well.
- The Murder Mystery dinner was well attended.
- Eight teachers and administrators from El Salvador, participating in the "Connecting Communities, Connecting Cultures" program, were welcomed to our parish for a week. They attended the pancake breakfast, Strongsville schools, Sts. Joseph & John School, B-Spot, Little Italy, Cavs game, and other points of interest in the area.

Open Forum:

- Fr. Joe commented that the Murder Mystery Dinner raised \$1,300 for Mission of Hope and Feeding our Family.
- Deacon Al Koch, a former deacon at St. Joe's for 20 years, passed away Sunday. Vespers and viewing will take place here at St. Joseph's from 3-9 p.m. on Monday.

Sue Haberman adjourned the meeting at 8:10 after prayer. The next meeting is February 13, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Piatak