

ST. JOSEPH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

February 9, 2015

ATTENDEES: Dan Kilbane, Sue Haberman, Tricia Marshall, Judy Feador, Pete Cardello, Pat Lupica, Carmine DeCandia, Ron Andes, Joe Keys, Carol Wallington, Sarah Kostalnick. Father Joe Mamich

Excused: Rebecca Ciccozzi, Joe Metz

Called to Order: Dan Kilbane

Dan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the group in a prayer to the Holy Spirit

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes of the October 13th meeting were approved as submitted.

Commission Reports:

Community Life: Pat Lupica The last meeting was February 3rd. Because there were only eight entries for the Winter Thaw, it was cancelled. The Chicken Paprikash dinner was a great success. The Lenten dinners are scheduled for February 20 and March 20. Ministry fair is scheduled for May 17. April 7 is the next meeting.

Liturgy: Sue Haberman It was suggested that the youth become greeters for mass along sided the Parish Council members and perhaps members of the ministries. Perhaps a family can be assigned to a specific mass. There are presently 24 representatives. The HFC being available for meetings has met favorable feedback.

Spiritual Life: Dan Kilbane Forty hours of adoration will be March 13, 14 & 15. Two sacred heart events are scheduled for June. The ministry fair will be in September.

Social Concerns: Joe Keys The November meeting focused on the Mission, where 39 – 40 agencies were represented. Two hundred eight-five to 300 people attended and feedback was favorable. Father Joe sent a letter to all parties who attended the Mission to encourage them to be a part of the program and to provide options to get involved going forward. Presently 42 people are involved in the program. Anyone wishing to meet with Father one-on-one is welcome to contact him. Further information on social outreach agencies and parish ministries can be found at www.sjohio.org/mission. Is it possible for "social concerns" activities to get a banner in the bulletin to highlight them as such so parishioners could see the opportunities. Fr. Joe will have the staff that works on bulletin check to see if they could find a banner to highlight Social Concerns. A discussion followed about using the bulletin or newsletter to promote the activities and service projects of the ministries. Currently ministry events can be in the bulletin for two weeks unless there is unused space available. The newsletter would be a better forum to perhaps have a section to highlight each commissions work. The newsletter presently is printed quarterly: December, March, June and September. Ministries are encouraged to submit information to the church via forms of media such as the bulletin, Facebook, the sign in the lawn of the church, Twitter, and the newsletter. A discussion on whether the ministry fairs should be scheduled after the 4:30 Saturday mass followed perhaps with refreshments. Although the HFC is available both days, it is up to the ministries to decide if it will be held for two days.

Stewardship: Tricia Marshall The directory photos were returned to the company because they were not satisfactory.

Youth: Pete Cardello The Jesus Birthday event was a great success with about 75 attendees. The next meeting is February 22. Jeff Hess will be stepping down. Judy Feador reported that the Paprikash Dinner successfully raised \$1,411.84 for the youth trip to Steubenville.

Nominees for the PPC Vice Chairperson position: The PPC tenure of Carmen, Joe, Dan and perhaps Sue will be ending so there is a possible four positions to fill. In April candidates for these openings will be invited to discernment. Pete, Carol, Judy and Pat are eligible for the Vice Chairperson position of PPC. Pete has decided not to pursue the position at this time.

Pastor's Remarks: As of December 31 we are \$3,120 ahead of budget with maintenance and repair \$5,856 ahead, the average collection being \$21,100, leaving a total of \$\$83,926 surplus. However \$\$74,000 has been earmarked for the garage extension, which is presently out for amended bid. Instead of a block and face brick construction, we are presently looking at a split-face block, which might be less expensive. The average collection, including Faith Direct, is \$24,000. A Spiritual Gifts Discernment Retreat spiritual gifts retreat is in the works for the parish to help participants determine what service they are best suited for. On May 2 we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of St. Joe's. A commemorative copy of the first bulletin could be reprinted. He has requested that the ministries submit their guidelines to the commissions in time for the August meeting.

Open Forum: A comment was made about the ushers being distracting when re-entering the church during consecration. The recommendation that PPC members act as greeters has had favorable feedback. Perhaps commemorative bricks can be sold in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the church.

The next Parish Council meeting will be April 13. After closing prayer, Dan adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Piatak