

St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
February 13, 2017

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

Excused: Brooklynne Elliot, Jason Januszewski, Bill Velioniskis

Called to Order: Judy Feador called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the led the group in prayer.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes from the December meeting were approved as submitted. Sam Pingatore made the motion and was second by Bob Singerline.

Commission Reports:

Community Life: Jason Januszewski reported that no meeting has been held.

Liturgy: Sue Haberman reported that Doug mentioned Father Joe was working on the evening of reflection. It was discussed that perhaps the party lighting the Advent wreath be part of the procession into church for mass.

Social Concerns: Kathy Tiede reported that Social Concerns would like to contribute a small notice in the bulletin. Because they are looking for volunteers, they were encouraged to go on the website and utilize the communication tools available there. MOA had a last minute request for Christmas gifts for a family in need, but was able to obtain them. Father Joe has funds available for such needs if the sharing tree isn't able to fulfill those needs. The sharing tree can designate several tags for use by the MOA. Mike Schneider's term is ending this fall.

Spiritual Life: Sam Pingatore reported on a discussion regarding "Two Hearts" testimony at mass. Rev. Rick Warren's "The Daniel Plan," ten days to a healthier life, will be presented.

Stewardship: Bill Velioniskis reported the next meeting will be February 20. On the agenda is:

- Alpha's Continuance... Wednesdays, February to March
- Lenten Dinner...Fish Fries, March 3 and 7, 2017
- Parish Mission... Presenter Julie Carrick, (March 19-21, 2017)
- Parish...Eucharistic Adoration, (March 24-25,2017)
- Parish... Annual Appreciation Dinner (March 26, 2017, 1:00 - 4:00 PM)

Uniquely His... "Joyfully Gifted" Process Status...

Joyfully Gifted Process, is being looked at as a possible avenue to attract volunteers. A list of the ministries and contact information will be published in the bulletin. Approximately 1,000 bulletins are published weekly and 1,500 for Easter and Christmas.

Youth: Pete Cardello reported there was no meeting scheduled.

Pew Cushions: Judy Feador presented eight pew cushions from Costco for two for nine dollars. They were unanimously approved. Stored in the ushers' room, they will be available for special events lasting more than an hour.

Vice Chair Nominations: The following are eligible for nomination: Craig Behm, Jon Drexler, Jason Januszewski, and Bill Velioniskis. Please pray for their discernment by the April meeting.

Pastor's Remarks: Father Joe

- Six-month finance report: Collections \$11,245 ahead of budget; maintenance and repair \$3,081 ahead of budget; total \$75,000 ahead of budget.
- Organ replacement: Bishop Thomas approved project. The \$179,000 available through Rooted in Faith will be applied toward the \$265,000 needed. Anything over \$25,000 needs to be approved by finance council and the diocese. We can purchase the organ itself at a cost of \$10,000 but it needs to be assembled, which may take up to a year. He distributed the flier for the organ campaign. Any overage from the money collected will be given to the endowment fund.
- He received a lengthy email from a parishioner voicing discontent with the way some of the practices are followed. The organ replacement, requests for money, and lack of contact from anyone from the parish during an illness. Fr. Joe indicated that he had met with the parishioner. Out of the meeting and email, Fr. Joe asked Parish Council to reflect on two items: 1) how is the message of money asking in the bulletin? Does it occur frequently? Please pay attention and 2) how do we go about fostering a connection between people, especially those who are near each other in the pews? For example, how can we be sure we are our brother's keeper?

Open Forum:

The items in the lost and found will be placed in the ushers' room and a note will be made in the pastor's column. Two Hearts testimonials can be put in the quarterly newsletter, which is published March, June, September, and December. Father Anthony will be re-assigned in June.

Judy Feador adjourned the meeting at 8:50 after prayer. The next meeting is April 10, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,