

St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
February 11, 2019

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

Excused: Jon Ciccozzi, Jason Januszewski,

Guest: Marie Burdick

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 December 10 meeting were approved as submitted with a correction in the spelling of Mathew Tortorici's name and the following edit by Father Joe: (snapshot as of November 30th: \$6,178 behind budget, maintenance and repair \$2,266 behind budget, operating surplus \$229,125). Thomas Uthup made the motion, seconded by Kathy Wright.

Commission Report: Community Life

Marie Burdick commented that there are numerous activities, but the attendance at the events is down, with the exception of the Soul Race. The most recent, the Reverse Raffle, saw a decrease in attendance with only 80 attendees. The events always see the same volunteers. The point was made that it is important for the volunteers to clearly know what is expected of them. Are we looking at “fund raisers” or “fun raisers”? All the events are labor-intensive. St. Joe's was one of the first to sponsor “trunk or treat” but now there are various locations of the same event. The attendance this year versus last year at various events will be examined. This year there will be a re-register of parishioners to determine where their special talents or interests are.

Follow-up from December Meeting:

A discussion followed regarding the emergency loans to hardship parishioners who are in crisis. The money would be given from the endowment fund. The only loss would be interest of the funds. In return, it is hoped that these families would help our parish. How much would the endowment fund allow the parish for loans? At present the endowment fund is allowed to award scholarships only in the amount of the interest. We are looking at perhaps maybe \$75,000 towards joint sponsorship for a home with Habitat for Humanity.

Pastor's Remarks: As of December 31, 2018, offertory collections are \$13,995 behind budget; \$466 above for the maintenance and repair fund; overall, for the fiscal year, we are \$223,513 ahead of budget. Even with the downturn of offertories, we are still .2% above budget on income, with expenses 2.5% lower than budget. The possible reasons for lower collections, Father Joe noted in the bulletin. There seems to be fewer people in the pews with more donating via Faith Direct.

Father Joe requested that the June scheduled Parish Council meeting be canceled, leaving April and October still on the schedule. This request was approved. Because of the change of the commissions, the bi-laws need to be updated. Nancy Delac and Mike Kelly will work with Father Joe to update the bi-laws. After Craig steps down as Parish Council Chairman and Scott Kimble stepping up to that position, Parish Council will need to fill Scott's position with a member who is a first year member. Those members were asked to pray for discernment regarding this transfer.

Open Forum:

Social concerns came to Parish Council in December, but will not meet again until after PPC meets in April. Kathy Wright reported that at the Spiritual Life meeting, it was decided that the Eucharistic ministers and priest will enter the mass from the rear of the church. The bishop was asked to attend the dedication of the organ. There was confirmation that talks should be limited to four minutes, marked by the organ being sounded. Mathew Tortorici commented that the visitors to the chapel be reminded to log onto the log to ensure an accurate count. RCIA attendees are up. Volunteers between 30 – 40 years of age are needed. The welcome committee is still being discussed.

Closing Prayer: Craig led the group in the Our Father and adjourned the meeting at 8:45. The next meeting is scheduled for April 8.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Piatak