

St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
January 22, 2018

Attendees: Craig Behm, John Ciccozzi, Jason Januszewski, Scott Kimble, Father Joe Mamich, Susan Rath, David Smee, Kathy Tiede, Bill Velioniskis, Fr. Bob McWilliams, Kathy Wright, Sam Pingatore, Bob Singerline
Excused , Jon Drexler

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

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes from the October 9 meeting were approved as submitted. Sam Pingatore made the motion and was second by Craig Behm.

Retreat Discussion: Father Joe asked for feedback on the retreat held November 18th. Feedback was generally positive. It was a good kick-off well-run meeting concerning how each commission should go forward. Follow-up with the ministries is forthcoming; it is a slow process and they all should be on the same track, focused in the same direction. Benchmarks need to be made to measure our progress. Mike Owens will have a follow-up meeting with Father Joe to offer his observations and recommendations.

Commission Reports:

Community Life: Jason Januszewski commented that at the December 19th meeting, the retreat with Mike was discussed including creating strategic work within each ministry, and looking at its effects within the commission, Also discussed was setting a timeline and objectively determining goals.

Liturgy: Jon Ciccozzi reported that Christmas decorations were discussed as well as the high attendance at 4:30 Christmas Eve mass. Christmas collection was \$9,400 better than budget. There is a potential buyer for our old organ. The Advent wreath lighting was also discussed. Their next meeting is scheduled for March 13.

Social Concerns: Kathy Tiede commented that the bulletin columns have been determined.

Spiritual Life: Sam Pingatore commented that efforts are being made to get parishioners more involved in parish activities. Written testimonials could draw new attendees, even more than testimonials at the pulpit. Members' actions certainly will draw more participants than anything else. A short discussion followed regarding the possible live streaming of mass on the internet. The Jesuit Retreat House will be offering a program after the second ALPHA , October 2 through November 20 from 7 to 9 in the HFC. Parishioners attending Eucharistic adoration don't always sign in. Forty Hours of adoration will be held March 9, 10 11 followed by the Appreciation Dinner.

Stewardship: Scott Kimble noted that Stewardship will be refocused and the members will probably remain involved with the specified events. It was discussed whether this commission was currently constructed to meet specific needs of the parish. This commission may be better served if it is changed in order to complete specific events/tasks. A vote was taken with a 5 – 1 affirmative to “refocus the Steward Commission as a ministry/committee with the primary focus of 1 – 2 activities/events annually under another commission. Under this new structure it will cease to be a commission and will not need a Commission President, only someone who lead the ministry/committee as it pertains to specific events. Some of the specific events discussed: Joyfully

Gifted, New Parishioner events, or Retreat, Stewardship would be well suited under either Community Life or Spiritual Life

Youth: David Smee reported that Confirmation Retreat is scheduled for January 27 and the members will attend the Cav's game on January 28th.

Follow up from October Meeting: What did we achieve? Where is there room for growth? We've had financial growth without asking. With the greeters program in full swing, we've done a better job welcoming parishioners. Some music has changed at masses. There is active participation in bible studies. Mike Owens might be able to offer some suggestions after he meets with all the commissions. A discussion followed regarding the good involvement in the past Service Day, which had 170 to 180 participants.

Discernment for Potential 2018-19 PPC Members: Members who are in their third year as PPC members will end their terms in April 2018. Members with upcoming expired terms are Bob Singerline, Sam Pingatore, Bill Velioniskis and David Smee. Members are asked to discern whether they want to serve as Vice-Chairman.

Pastor's Remarks: Father Joe gave the updated financial report as of December 31, 2017:

	8/31	12/31
Offertory	\$+8,451	\$+22,466
Maint & Repair	+3,022	+5,119
Surplus	+54,535	+47,445
Organ	12,655	102,655

Father Joe asked PPC to take under discernment the idea of meeting quarterly except when there are issues of the timeliness of such.

Closing Prayer: David Smee led the group in the Our Father and adjourned the meeting at 9:10. The next meeting is scheduled for April 9.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Piatak