

ST. JOSEPH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

June 8, 2015

ATTENDEES: Ron Andes, Rebecca Ciccozzi, Judy Feador, Pat Lupica, Tricia Marshall, Sam Pingatore, Bob Singerline, David Smee, Carol Wallington

Excused: Pete Cardello, Sue Haberman, Joe Keys

Called to Order: Judy Feador

Judy 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 April meeting were approved as submitted after several corrections were noted.

Introduction of New PPC Members:

Sam Pingatore, Bob Singerline and David Smee gave short introductions and were welcomed to Parish Council

Commission Reports: (Summaries are due to Father Joe by the end of June)

Community Life: Pat Lupica The commission feels it has accomplished their goals to help parishioners develop a deeper faith that lives outside of Mass, provide opportunities for everyone to enhance and deepen our faith and personal relationship with Jesus and will continue to work on opportunities for dialogue and education on the Church's teaching on moral issues. Thanks to the enthusiasm and hard work of their volunteers, it has attracted new parishioners but are still looking for ways to attract the youth. A more organized program needs to be developed for the greeters and ushers. The ministry fair on May 17 and 18 was a success and proved to be a good model for future ministry fairs.

Liturgy: Carol Wallington The commission has worked hard to accomplish the goals of developing a more welcoming atmosphere, develop roles and responsibilities for ministers and establish a specific form of music for each Mass to promote greater participation. Mass attendance has increased. New lector protocol is being established. Feedback on the new hymnals has been favorable. The three choir groups are working well together.

Spiritual Life: Pat Pell Two of the three goals have been accomplished. A discussion followed on the Trapper Jack talk, the May Crowning and the presentation by Patsy Brodie. The church was never empty during the Forty hours of adoration March 13, 14 & 15. Enthronement of Hearts is scheduled for June 13 & 14. There is a need for education on the Church's teaching on moral issues. A talk is being developed on the topic of same-sex attraction.

Stewardship: Phyllis Nemetz The quarterly newsletter has received favorable feedback and updates to the parish catalogue may come as an attachment to the booklet. Representatives of the Stewardship Commission act as liaisons to the other commissions and are available to assist in their development. The commitment cards have been updated and results are being tabulated. Commission heads are responsible for contacting the people who responded. An all-inclusive calendar is being developed to provide an accurate list of parish events. The ministry fairs, which provide one-on-one communication, may provide more information for potential volunteers than did the ministry catalogue.

Youth: Kathy Wolf Because of other commitments, especially during the second semester, the number of participants fell during that time. The group has been involved in several church events, ie the Paprikash Dinner. Programs for 18-25 age group need to be developed. A youth mass may be a good idea. This needs to be a relational ministry with the teens.

Social Concerns: Kathy McConnaughy She is stepping down as chair of this commission and several people are being considered for the position. The Hearts Wide Open program was well received with over 40 participants and a second session is planned. Because of the immersion experience, several participants have joined outreach programs. When we encounter someone with love, we represent Christ to him or her. The main goal is to help the poor with dignity through social justice. Sometimes we have to get dirty to get something done. Feed our Family ministry travels to the east side and offers hot meals, interacting with the clients. MOA also reflects that goal. Workers are needed for July 7 or 8 for the MOH project in Youngstown.

Pastors Remarks: Father Joe

Father Joe thanked the Commission chairs for their hard work and reports. Liaison representatives of Parish Council have been updated to reflect the appointment of new members of council. Sam Pingatore and Bob Singerline – Spiritual Life; David Smee – Youth; Rebecca Ciccozzi – now Stewardship; Carol Wellington - now Social Concerns; Judy Feador – now Liturgy. Father Joe explained that the PPC liaison is to attend the bi-monthly meetings of the appointed commissions and report back to PPC any updates. As of April 30, the parish surplus is \$116,308. The cold weather of the first Sunday of March impacted our collection that weekend. The maintenance and repair fund \$10,008 ahead of budget, but mass collections are down \$4,103 not counting Easter collection. Ninety-one people have signed up for Joyfully Gifted scheduled for June 13. Parish picnic plans are coming along with a movie night under the stars July 24, a reverse raffle scheduled for July 25, and the picnic on the 26th. PPC members are requested to help with the information booth and selling tickets. Plans for the PPC retreat have not been finalized, but may include commission chairs. The garage addition is coming along well. Work on the parking lot (south portion) will begin tomorrow, the north section will follow, and the front lot will be paved after the picnic. Father Joe has been appointed Chaplain to the Safety Forces.

The next Parish Council meeting will be August 10. After closing prayer, Judy adjourned the meeting at 9:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Piatak