

St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
October 10, 2016

Attendees: Craig Behm, Jon Drexler, Brooklynne Elliot, Judy Feador, Sue Haberman, Fr. Joe Mamich, Sam Pingatore, David Smee, Kathy Tiede, Bill Velioniskis

Excused: Pete Cardello, Jason Januszewski, Bob Singerline

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

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

Organ Replacement Committee Update: Luke Massery and Sue Haberman reported the committee has been looking into replacing the present organ, which is a 1985 model. It is not worth refurbishing. Digital organs run between \$150,000 and \$200,000 but the sound is not vibrant compared to a pipe organ. A custom-built organ would cost \$585,000. After visiting three church sites with pipe organs, it was concurred that the pipe organs have superior sound. James Leek, a well-known organ re-builder in Berea, can rebuild a used organ for \$200,000. Luke showed a photo of the present organ and a rendition of what a pipe organ would look like in the choir loft. Presently, \$145,000 in Rooted in Faith funds are designated for an organ, but this will grow to \$155,000 by summer. A memorial fund could be established to raise the remainder of the funds. On October 25 a town-hall meeting will be held to provide parishioners the opportunity to review the tentative plans, which Parish Council unanimously approved.

Commission Reports:

Community Life – Judy gave the report in Jason’s absence. Community Life met on September 6. The Health Fair is now biannual. It was held the weekend of October 2-3. The next one is the weekend of April 2-3. The Health Fairs have been moved back to the HFC to help foot traffic. The SOUL race is October 15. The Clambake is October 29. Tickets are available after Masses. Goal is to raise \$6,000 for the Maintenance and Repair Fund. Family of Friends is having a Murder Mystery and dinner on December 10 in the Holy Family Center. Tickets are \$25 and event is open to the public. There will be side boards and various raffle baskets. Proceeds benefit Feed Our Family and Mission of Hope. Father Joe asked if there was any feedback regarding the absence of outdoor Mass at the picnic. Many of the picnic participants attended noon Mass.

Liturgy – Sue Haberman reported that music styles at various Masses was discussed. The starting point of processing into Church at the beginning of Mass (i.e. servers, priest, Eucharistic ministers) was discussed. One member suggested that we have the QR code on the bulletin, but there is limited room available.

Social Concerns: Judy reported that they met on September 26. Their goal is to establish a shared database to be used by the various ministries within Social Concerns in the event a ministry is

short-staffed for any particular event. They can then call upon other ministry members to possibly help out on an emergency, as-needed basis. After discussion at the Social Concerns meeting, Tom Miller said he would organize and maintain the database. Virtus training is needed for those working with youth and disabled. Needs to be done by end of the year. Anyone who has had this training prior to June of 2016 needs to attend an additional one-hour session. Leadership training class - Paul Koopman is leading this training for anyone in the parish who may be interested. → It was thought that it would be better to wait until Joyfully Gifted, led by Pat Pell's group, has completed their assessment before this training occurs. Stewardship may want to discuss this. Phyllis Nemetz will be contacted to see if we can coordinate on the training dates.

Spiritual Life: Sam Pingatore reported that a meeting is scheduled for next week.

Stewardship: Bill Velioniskis reported that commitment cards have been discontinued.

Youth Commission – Judy gave the report in Pete's absence. Youth Commission met on September 26. There is a day-long retreat at John Carroll University on December 3. Many of the teens who went to the Steubenville Conference are attending. The theme for PSR this year is "Powered by prayer to be the Light of Christ". PSR is working on a service project with the Labre Ministry of St. Ignatius High School. They will be collecting flashlights and batteries to be delivered to the homeless people of Cleveland. They talked about what needs to be done as a Youth Commission to change up the meetings since only three people were at the last meeting. Linda Zvoncheck talked about all the groups that fall under Youth Commission. They want to look into what each individual group is doing to work towards the Commissions goals. Kathy Wolf will reach out to the Cub Scouts and the Girl Scout leaders.

Follow-up August Meeting: The annual retreat is scheduled for November 12. A preliminary count of attendees was taken. Bill Velioniskis reported that some individual pew cushions were available on-line, but Old Time Pottery had them for \$8.00 each. Between 10 and 20 cushions will be purchased.

Pastors Remarks: Father Joe reported as of August 31 the offertory is \$11,000 ahead of budget, the maintenance fund is minus \$123, and collections are \$17,500 ahead of budget. The Holy Family Center is booked all Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays during Lent 2017. The service for Safety Forces went well with three times the attendees than last year.

Open Forum: It was mentioned that the Health Fair was difficult to navigate because of the lines for testing. The Strongsville Fire Department will offer free CPR and AED training at the main fire station on Wednesday, November 16, 6:00 to 7:30. If you are interested, please contact Judy Feador.

Judy Feador adjourned the meeting at 8:35 after prayer. The next meeting is December 12, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Piatak