

St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
August 8, 2016

Attendees: , Pete Cardello, Jon Drexler, Brooklynne Elliot , Judy Feador, Sue Haberman, Jason Januszewski, Fr. Joe Mamich, Sam Pingatore, Bob Singerline, David Smee

Excused: Craig Behm, Pat Lupica, Bill Velioniskis, Carol Wallington

Called to Order: Judy Feador called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. and the led the group in prayer.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes from the June meeting were approved as submitted. Pete Cardello made the motion and was seconded by Sue Haberman.

Commission Reports:

Community Life – Jason reported that there were no meetings to report.

Liturgy –Sue Haberman reported that June 16 was the last meeting. Kathy Wolf is the new Chairperson. Luke will consider alternate forms of liturgical education for Liturgy next year other than Sourcebook. Safety forces, Strongsville Fire and EMS, will be teaching ushers and greeters to use the defibrillator and abbreviated CPR training if there are more than five participants. It was suggested that the Catholic Charities enrollment forms be taken home. Fr. Joe explained that the Catholic Charities enrollment forms cannot be taken home and need to be filled out during Mass as directed by the Diocese. The camera utilized during the Christmas and Easter Masses can be zoomed in. Can the Corpus Christi procession be held annually at St. Joseph's rather than doing it every other year with St. John Neumann. There was a discussion that followed.

Social Concerns – Judy Feador reported Carol Wallington sent an email that she is stepping down from the PPC, leaving a vacancy on PPC. During the meeting it was suggested that the parish databases be shared. The criteria must be the same for both and defined for all. It can be supported by the parish office. Can the ministry fairs be included with the health fairs? There are presently 30 vendors for each of the health fairs. There will be two health fairs: October and April. It was decided that presently the ministry fair and health fair should not be combined. Presently the ministry fairs have been discontinued because of poor attendance. Information relative to individual ministries can be included in the bulletin.

Spiritual Life – Sam Pingatore reported that Dan Kilbane will chair the ministry and Dan Sater will co-chair. The ALPHA program, scheduled for Saint John Neumann this fall, is in need of help with hospitality. Our parish will host the program in January.

Stewardship – Jon Drexler reported the next meeting is scheduled August 22.

Youth – Pete Cardello reported twelve students attended the Youth Conference July 15-17 in Steubenville titled “Thirst”. Brooklynne Elliot participated in an enlightening five-day Diocesan program called “LEAD” (Leadership, Evangelization, And Discipleship). In order to be a part of this program, one has to be 16 years of age or high school seniors.

Follow up from June Meeting:

- Leadership Training: Mike Schneider had suggested that a leadership training program be established for Commission Chairs. He will contact Cindy Smith, who is a corporate trainer and can help facilitate a program for St. Joe’s.
- Annual PPC Retreat: Should the Commission Chairs be included in the annual retreat? The Commission Chairs expressed an interest in attending at the June meeting. A Saturday morning event is preferred. The PPC meeting will not be scheduled the month of the retreat.
- Greeter Ministry: Judy sent documents regarding the roles and responsibilities of greeters in addition to the greeter rotation schedule. They are to greet people warmly and cheerfully, observing quiet and appropriate reverence while talking to people. Contact Father Joe if you are interested in joining the rotation.
- Individual Pew Cushions: Bill Velioniskis is researching the cost of the individual pew cushions and will report at the next PPC meeting.

Mission Statement: Father Joe and Judy Feador lead the discussion. The mission statement should be something that is ours, that is meaningful, that is what we aspire to be, that expresses who we really are as a parish. There were several suggestions included in an email sent by Judy. Jason Januszewski suggested the following: "We, the Catholic community of St. Joseph Church, are a people of God blessed by a diversity of gifts. We are a Eucharistic people who gather to worship and praise God. We strive to use our time, talent and treasure in serving each other and all of God's people." More to follow on this subject.

Pastor's Remarks:

- Father Joe commented on the success of the parish picnic and thanked all who supported it with their hard work. Financially it was more successful than last year. It was suggested that more activities be planned for toddlers. Two hundred people were served ice cream during the ice cream social.
- The parking lot will be lined by Tuesday.
- The brick project is still under way. The benches will be secured, and the plaques for them will be ready in eight weeks.
- The church air conditioner needed repair to fix one thermostat and is now working.
- It was suggested that the results from the Joyfully Gifted program be utilized to help people determine which ministry they would be best suited for.
- Habitat for Humanity is sponsoring events September 1, 22, and 29 in addition to October 8 and 13.
- Fr. Joe distributed a financial parish snapshot including the year-end debt down to \$184,724, year-end assets of \$579,981, registered families 2,593, collections to budget up \$20,187. The parish is audited every three years or when the parish gets a new pastor.

Judy Feador adjourned the meeting at 9:15 after prayer. The next meeting is October 10, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Piatak