

## **Church of St Joseph Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes January 6, 2020 - 6:30 pm - Zoom**

**Attending: Fr Paul Kammen-Pastor, John Wollersheim-Trustee, Ann Volkert-Chair, Jon Guden-Vice Chair, Fay Connors, Paul Germann, Mike Vanderheyden, Ron Sailer, John Murphy, Pat Croke, Randy Haney-Administrator**

### **Opening Prayer**

**Ann Volkert**

#### **1. New Business**

#### **New Member Introduction**

Pat Croke was introduced as the newest member of the parish pastoral council. He has a breadth of experience and involvement at St. Joe's working on various boards and committees over the years. We enthusiastically welcome him to the council!

#### **2. Communications w/Staff & Committee Updates**

Ron Sailer spoke with Bill Bradley. Bill wanted to express special thanks to Randy, Dan Martin, and Bob Strom who provided great assistance with the Christmas Mass celebrations.

Two new cantors and two new accompanists have been added to the music ministry. There was an anonymous donation for additional flowers for the Christmas season in church.

Paul Germann spoke about St. Joe's school activities.

The school raffle is coming up within the next couple of weeks.

On January 15 from 4-8:00PM at the Chipotle restaurant in Rosemount, 30% any purchases made will be donated to the school.

The students are distance learning this week to help minimize any possibility of COVID being brought back into school. Students will return to the classroom next week.

The school never shut down in the fall.

Pat Croke will take over the liaison position for the council with Pastoral Care/Outreach.

### **3. Old Business**

Father updated the council regarding the replacement for the open position for Parish Life within the church. He has found an excellent candidate. He is only waiting for the return of the signed employment contract and will then make the announcement as to who the individual is.

Deacon Gordon is now retired from his regular job and will be assuming some of the duties previously assigned to the individual overseeing Pastoral Care/Outreach. He will have part time hours within that new role.

2021 is the year of Saint Joseph. Father announced that in honor of our patron saint, Bishop Hebda will be celebrating mass at the parish on a Saturday in the fall. Father is hoping that it will coincide with the Harvest Festival.

Fay spoke about progress with the strategic planning committee. Jon and Fay spoke with Julie Meyer with the archdiocese, regarding the Synod survey results. Julie said that the archdiocese will be promoting a series of 4 upcoming sessions beginning in January and running into February. These will be a prelude to fall small group conversations within parishes. Fay was concerned about the need to get the survey information from the synod out to the parish at large. She is going to send council members the presentation materials she and Jon presented several months ago. The council will discuss this at the February Council meeting.

Jon then spoke about the hope that the results will be not only the construction of the strategic plan, but there will be an “operational” component helping to provide the framework for how the staff can actually use the plan going forward. Because of this he suggested that time to do it right was more important than just getting the plan done due to artificial time constraints.

### **4. Parish and Financial Updates**

Randy said that overall the parish is in decent financial shape. On a NET basis at the end of November the parish was up \$14,000.

The school was in much better shape with a NET positive number of \$53,000. Part of the reason is that there are 20 new families paying full tuition.

Preschool is up a NET \$5800.

These numbers will change dramatically once December numbers are in. This will be due to a decrease in plate giving, holy day giving and Christmas giving. In a normal year, 2000 will attend Christmas masses. This year the church had between 7-800.

School enrollment is full. Because of this, there is really no opportunity to increase attendance and realize the commensurate income generated from the added enrollment.

But, many new student families have already expressed their desire to have their children return for the 2021-22 school year.

The last projects for the solar panels are the completion of the fence, and then the system needs to pass a test administered by Excel Energy. Once complete, the school will begin to realize energy savings with the system functioning. The landscaping around the solar panels will be done in the Spring.

**5. Closing Prayer**

**Ann Volkert**

**Adjournment was at 7:30pm.**

**Next meeting Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> 2021 6:30pm via Zoom**

**Prayerfully Submitted,**

**Mike Vanderheyden**

**Recorder**