

Church of St Joseph Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes June 3rd, 2021 - 6:30 pm – Room 101

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

Excused: Paul Germann

Opening Prayer:

Fay Connors

New Business:

Patricia Cina and **Brian Hoyland** have both agreed to join the Pastoral Council.

We welcome both to the Council.

Ann Volkert spent time outlining for Patricia, who was in attendance, the responsibilities of the Council and individual member assignments to a designated groups within the parish to act as a liaison to the council.

With Ann retiring from the Council, elections of new officers will need to take place. The bylaws call for that to happen during the first meeting of the new “year” which will be in September.

Old Business:

Jon Guden indicated that Randy has offered to allow any members of the Strategic Planning Committee to sit in on a video, which is a part of a course he is taking, that deals specifically with strategic planning. The session will be conducted on Tuesday, June 8th from 3-4:30pm.

The archdiocese has begun to provide initial ideas of how they envision the synod small group discussions taking place this fall within parishes. Suggestions have included utilizing existing bible study groups; Catholic Watchmen groups and others. Deacon Gordon along with Joan Somes, are heading up the parish efforts to best identify how to implement the small group discussion surrounding the synod topics.

Father Paul indicated that the archdiocese will shortly announce that mandatory Sunday mass attendance will be reinstated as of July 1st. Exceptions will of course be made for circumstances that may still exist due to COVID and of course those situations that historically have allowed for nonattendance.

2021 is the year of Saint Joseph within the universal church. Specifically, October is the month of Saint Joseph. The parish is open to ideas for activities that may help celebrate the patron saint of our parish.

Communications with Staff & Updates

Fay- Mychael Schilmoeller indicated that all ministries are back open and the introduction of food is OK. Harvest Fest Planning continues for a scaled down event.

Ron Sailer – Bill Bradley indicated that there were four masses for first communion and two for confirmation in May. Several new eucharistic ministers have been added, but more are needed. Hymnals have been reintroduced to the parish and the procession of gifts along with regular pew plate collections will resume the weekend of July 3rd and 4th.

Randy – Indicated that the audio/visual committee is going through a thorough analysis of what needs to be upgraded throughout the campus. It is now common for videography to be done for Saturday evening mass, funerals, communion and confirmation celebrations, 8th grade graduation, and weddings. Moving from an analog to a digital system is a priority. Kelly has done an outstanding job in the school this year as evidenced by minimal disruptions due to COVID; adding a 2nd kindergarten class and a 2nd first grade class.

Server training will take place over the summer.

Father Paul has indicated that he wishes to hold a “Thank you” mass for First Responders for all they did in the last year. Father is looking at later this summer or fall.

Youth Minister

Father Paul said the parish continues to actively look for a new youth minister candidate.

Budget Update

Randy indicated that the budget is looking very good. The 2021-22 budget is almost complete and has a target of +\$20,000. This is due to the increased school enrollment and revenue generated from it. A portion of the EPC and PPP money that was forgiven has been placed in the parish endowment. The endowment is overseen by the Catholic Community Foundation.

Randy indicated that the parish is looking to establish a permanent “Outdoor Environment Committee” to help keep the grounds looking good. Bill is actually trained in this and may be a big help as it moves forward.

Adoration Chapel

Father Paul said meetings continue regarding the chapel but he was not at liberty to discuss things currently.

The Council wants to thank **Ann Volkert** and **Fay Connors** for the tireless efforts and these past four years of service to the church.

Closing Prayer

Fay Connors & Jon Guden

The meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

Prayerfully submitted,

Michael Vanderheyden