

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

January 23, 2017

Present: Rev. Peter Worn, Ken Shrank, Nancy Light, Bob Vertucci, Will Mathewson, Al Thompson, Julie Brissette, Lorraine Pigula, Heidi Stemkoski, John Sullivan, Charlene Hart, Mike Filipski, Dave Kaminski

Excused: Jamie Klaben, Lou Lamphear, Mikayla MacDougal, Griffin Sasso

Guests:

At 6:30 pm, Bob Vertucci called the meeting to order.

Opening Prayer: Mike Filipski

Approve Parish Council minutes

Parish Council minutes of the November 14, 2016 meeting were electronically approved and submitted to Tammy Abdo for publication.

Parish Committee Reports

Building & Grounds – Will Mathewson

- \$141,111.56 were spent in 2016...
- Roof on parish center was replaced
- Wi-fi & camera were installed in parish
 - Streaming masses may be coming soon
 - Griffin is going to look into apps that could do this
 - Lorraine mentioned that permissions will be needed from parents of all minors who may appear on camera during the mass before they can be publically streamed
- Rectory modifications were completed – Peter is very happy with the work!
- The next meeting is later this week to review potential 2017 projects
- Bob asked about the electronic sign – Will is going to continue looking into options for 2017
- There were some suggestions to let the parish know about the potential projects to encourage donations
- Peter also mentioned there may be some funding available for some projects

Old Business

PCA Update – Heidi Stemkoski

There is nothing to new to report. Heidi would like to schedule a meet & greet with Holy Family that would include pastors, staff, parish council, and other committee leaders in the near future.

St. Joseph 50th Anniversary Celebration – Father Peter

- Date set for Saturday, April 29 after the 4:30 mass
- The parishioners have been asked to provide photos and videos of the parish throughout the years, as well as old mementos
- Refreshments will also be served after each mass.

Homebound Ministries – Peter Worn

- There is some difficulty finding those in need, but the program is moving forward
- Stay tuned...

Human Development – Peter Worn

- No chair yet, despite lots of interest

New Business

Fr Peter's 40th Anniversary Celebration – Vob Vertucci

- Date would be May 7, which is Peter's actual anniversary date
- Possibly something at the Parish Center after the 11 am mass
- Looking for someone to spearhead the event – Bob & Will volunteered, with help from Julie and the social committee
- Peter provided a list of people to invite

Parish Council Member Recruitment & Elections – Julie Brissette

- We will vote new members in at the April meeting
- Everyone should start thinking of possible recruits and make a personal invitation to those people
- Anyone interested should submit a short bio to Julie

Share Parishioner Feedback

- Yellow book is great! Everyone should read it
- 6:15 Christmas mass was very uplifting
- Beer & wine event had 150-175 people attend
- An anonymous donor gave 3-4 apple computers to the parish office
- Very positive feedback about the combined daily masses with Holy Family
- Youth night before Christmas was not very well attended, but good. It seemed to not be very well publicized
- Charlene visited someone at an assisted living place on Christmas who didn't get any other visitors that day – which was an idea from the yellow book. Great experience that her family will continue to do on Christmas each year.
- The 7:30 am mass is cold on Sundays
- People want to help with the 50th anniversary party
- Both books had good content
- Many people at the 7 am mass think that St. Joe's should only have 2 masses on Sundays – the 7 am mass is pretty empty
- New code of conduct coming with pieces about social media to protect children & vulnerable adults. It now includes issues about neglect, etc. Need to clearly explain expectations.
- How are families notified when they are assigned a date for a mass of remembrance?
 - They are assigned the date when they sign up.
- Are people notified if their mass is cancelled for some reason?
 - No necessarily – very hard to manage, no contact info provided
- The youth mass featuring the college kids was excellent
- Positive feedback on the reflective liturgies held every other week
- Positive feedback on Christmas greeters
- Daily mass combination with Holy Family seems good, but with a few growing pains
- The Upper Room feels nice when it is full for daily mass
- Suggestions to "introduce" the Parish Council at the start of each new term at each mass so that the parishioners can recognize who is on the PC.

Pastor's Comments

- Christmas went quite well—thanks to all who were involved
- Daily mass at 9 seems to be going ok—some complaints about the time being too early but it has helped with priest scheduling appointments
- Lent begins March 1st Stations of the Cross being moved to 5:30 on Wednesdays (Holy Family has had success with theirs last year on Friday being moved to 5:30)
- The first week we will have a Soup and Bread Supper following in Upper Room We will possibly extend that.
- No parish mission this Lent
- 1st Communion Class is up to 67
- Confirmation seems to be progressing ok. There appears to be need for more make-up sessions this year—but Cindy is handling that. She works hard to avoid scheduling conflicts with the various school and sports schedules.
- Website is improving: Please email suggestions—
- Finances: John H info—Letters went out with tax statements this past week
- Souper Bowl: teen faith collecting for Tiny Homes and Samaritan Center –voted on by students
- Seek permission for emails of members in bulletin
- Homebound Committee pre-lim meeting
- Still soliciting names for Human Dev Comm people
- Thought I should elaborate on the reasons we chose the church versus the Parish Center for the 50th anniversary celebration:
 1. The church is the focus.
 2. It already has the elegance needed, so less spent on covering the gym w/ flowers, etc. More to spend on photo banners.
 3. The upper room is the perfect place for the slide show! Show off this great space!!!
 4. We can keep the food to cheese crackers, fruit and homemade cookies. People won't expect a meal if it's in the church.
 5. When it was brought up, it just made a lot more sense.
- The committee was all in favor of Saturday, April 29th (the exact day of the anniversary)
- Peter Kirk has given us an email address for people to submit digital photos. You will be able to access on your google account. The folder is under St Josephs Events. So, when you have a future need for photos, etc., the site is ready to be used and shared. Just add a new folder.

Prayer Leader

March meeting: Charlene Hart

Closing Prayer: Mike Filipski

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NEXT MEETINGS: March 6, 2017 at 6:30 pm
 April 24, 2017 at 6:30 pm
 June 12, 2017 at 6:30 pm