

St. Joseph Parish Council

Meeting Agenda

October 18, 2022

Heritage Room 7:00 p.m.

Attending	Excused	Role
Fr. Michael McCabe		Pastor
Andy Arbie		Elected- President
	Dave Reese	Elected-Vice President
Emily Zurcher		Elected-Secretary
Grace Raun		Elected
Joyce McClure		Elected
Julie Kealy		Elected
Kerry Kowalski		Elected
Walt Zink		Trustee
Amy Zeleny		Trustee
Jim Essay		Finance Council Representative
	Matt Litt	Stewardship Representative
Michelle Chambers		Stewardship/Pastoral Council Representative
Ben Huck		Building and Grounds Committee Representative
	Ann Wackel	Parish Operations Manager
Duane Becker		School Advisory Committee Representative

Opening Prayer

Review and Approve September minutes

Motion to approve: Joyce McClure

Motion second: Kerry Kowalski

Old Business

Fr McCabe

Parish Updates:

-Barry and Jeanne Johnson have not found any couple to take over Cana (January), they are willing to guide and train the next leaders. There are lots of volunteers to help run the various parts. Looking for someone to mentor this year and take over next year. It was suggested that a write-up of what is involved be put in the bulletin.

-Stewardship committee discussed how the Ministry Fair lacked some of the turnout of past years. Will work to improve in the future.

-The parish is back up and running in full force, but let's continue to stay self-reflective and look for ways to improve.

-Father mentioned an article from George Weigel on the US Catholic Church. He remarked that he could see a lot of the positives mentioned in the article happening in our parish.

-Tithing and stewardship-as we raise money for other causes in our parish we should stay mindful of the importance of tithing to maintain the needs of our parish and school.

-Comment was made that the tithing baskets are low/empty. Some parishioners save all their tithe for the CANA dinner because it is a matched donation. Only ~20% (number not exact) give online.

-December party for Parish Council will be at Mike and Amy Zeleny's; white elephant gift exchange

Committee Reports:

Finance:

No Report

Parish Operations:

Agenda items in progress/pending:

-Identifying priorities and cost for mechanical equipment replacement within the Church and School.

-Assembling price to convert the Resurrection Hall coat room into a storage room for tables and chairs.

-Replacement of condensing unit and boilers for Church air handling unit will start soon.

-Still exploring signage options; not sure an electronic sign would be up to city code

Stewardship:

(See attached)

St Joseph School and School Advisory:

(See attached)

-Email Carrie suggestions for improving the parish/school website.

Pastoral Council:

Pro-Life: John and Myra Costello have replaced the Mungers as our parish pro-life coordinators. Our parish will be doing the Baby bottle drive distributing them on all 4 Sundays in Nov 2022. The money will go to the PREGNANCY CENTER at 111 Piazza Terrace. Also I went to the Pregnancy center and met with directors and staff. We'd like to do a diaper drive in the next 12 months. Also a walk in next 18-24 months then possibly annually.

Religious Education: We have resumed the Nursery during the 9 a.m. Mass, and RCIA began on Oct. 12 with 8 catechumens attending. CCD remains at 86 students, and we are still looking for a 6th grade teacher

-Chair updates for Resurrection Hall have been reported to Ann W.

Future Meeting Dates:

November 15th-7pm Heritage Room

December 20th-Parish Council Christmas party (offsite)

New Business:

Accept Nominations for Parish Council elections from Trustees, Representatives, and Guests

Closing remarks and prayer

Executive session with elected members

St Joseph Parish Council

Trustees: Walt Zink
Amy Zeleny

Elected Members: Andy Arbie, President
Dave Reese, VP
Emily Zurcher, Secretary
Joyce McClure
Grace Raun
Kerry Kowalski
Julie Kealy

Representatives:
Jim Essay, Finance
Matt Litt, Pastoral Council/Stewardship
Michelle Chambers, Pastoral Council/Stewardship
Ben Huck, Building and Grounds
Ann Wackel, Director of Parish Operations
Duane Becker, School Advisory Council

St. Joseph Parish Stewardship Committee

October Meeting Minutes | 8 PM, October 11, 2022, Heritage Room, St. Joseph Catholic Church

Attendees: Fr. McCabe; Ken Almquist; Matt Litt; Ben Raun; Courtney Verhoeff; Ann Wackel

Excused: Michele Chambers; Mikayla Pond; Paul Warner; Michelle Weber

Agenda

- I. **I. CALL TO ORDER & OPENING PRAYER**
 - A. Litt called the meeting to order.
 - B. Fr. McCabe led the opening prayer.
- II. **II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**
 - A. Approved without objection.
- III. **III. OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **Ministry Fair Review**
 1. Verhoeff didn't talk to many. Fr. McCabe didn't think there was much energy, maybe because it was not a big event. It was suggested the Bishop's Vocation appeal cut into second weekend.
 2. Almquist would like to go back to one weekend & combine it with a KofC breakfast.
 3. Committee discussed moving it back to August. Could move furniture out of the narthex.
 4. Fr. McCabe read a [column by Weigel](#) from the SNR. Letter reminded Fr. of St. Joe's parish. Lot of people through the parish on Sunday. Verhoeff stated people excited for Eucharistic adoration.
 5. Action: Litt to touchbase with Weber as a followup to get her thoughts.
 6. Wackel said 2019 had great timing and prep. 2 months prior with planning. This one didn't have the planning put into this. Need to move to June & July.
 7. Verhoeff asked to set date now.
 8. Action: Litt to send out dates for 2023.
 9. Fr. McCabe wants to add a food component.
 10. Racicot said we need something to engage the youth. If kids wanna stick around, then family will stick around. E.g. balloon animals.
 - B. **Other;** No other old business.
- IV. **IV. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Trunk Or Treat**
 1. Fr. McCabe has past experience with Trunk or Treat from time at Lourdes. Wackel noted: 1) this replaces the parish fall festival; 2) Youth Ministry is running it; 3) trying to make it a bigger deal; and 4) focus on hospitality.
 2. Date & time: 10/28, 6-8 pm, trunks & food. Working on a rain plan.
 3. Park in lot, teens volunteer, pay at table and \$ goes to Youth Ministry. Lawn games, bbq, kona ice, etc. available. Trying to get haybails, table chairs, etc. Going to be a "DJ", maybe a Charlie Brown Halloween.
 4. 14 trunks with goal of 20 trunks.
 5. Verhoeff- can we prepay? Racicot going to bring it up, venmo, eventbrite.
 6. Litt- are we looking to ask ministries to fill last 6? Wackel- we can ask.
 7. Action: SC to contact ministries and ask to have a trunk. Racicot will send Litt text for everyone to send to their ministries.
 - B. **Mark Kurtenbach joining Stewardship Committee. Welcome Mark!**
 - C. **Other new business**
 1. **New member recruitment**
 - a. Recruit 4 new to replace Verhoeff, Raun, Almquist, Pond.
 - b. Action: All Committee members generate 3 names.

- c. Action: We need to revisit and be able to clearly articulate mission of Stewardship.

2. **Charity & Stewardship Appeal**

- a. Almquist wants to make sure the advance planning
- b. Litt: What's finance comm role? Wackel: All the councils work on CSA, Fr. McCabe gave details.
- c. Litt put on the table that Stewardship is code for \$ and would like tithing, fundraising activities to be in the purview of the Finance Council.

V. **V.CLOSING PRAYER & ADJOURNMENT**

- A. Fr. McCabe led the closing prayer.
- B. Meeting adjourned.

St Joseph School and Advisory

Present	Absent	Role
Fr. McCabe		Pastor
Kevin Naumann		School Principal
Sr. Mary Angela		Assistant Principal
	Duane Becker	Chair
Chelsea Schauer		Vice Chair, School Parent
Carrie Finson		Secretary
Carolyn Bosn		SFA Representative(s)
Jane Kreifels		School Staff
Kathy Krinke		School Staff
	Kathy Donlan	School Staff
Mike Czyz		School Parent
Carol Zink		Parishioner
Jami Hughes		School Parent
Nicole Russman		Parishioner, School Parent
	Ann Wackel	Business Manager
Guests		
None		

Meeting called to order

Chelsea Schauer

Opening Prayer

Fr. McCabe

Approval of August 2022 Minutes

Minutes from the August meeting were approved via email in June and posted on the website accordingly.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Chelsea Schauer

- Website review request from Carrie Finson
 - Effort to make the current website as clear and easy to navigate as possible without having to completely redesign the whole site
 - Idea of adding a search bar was enthusiastically agreed on by all
 - Other SAC members asked to look through all pages and email suggestions to Carrie by the October 19 meeting
 - Question raised about issue with website loading on mobile devices since before school started; Carrie will check into it and work a resolution
 - Question about website traffic; Carrie will investigate and report back next month

Pastor's Report

Fr. McCabe

- Good start to the school year; numbers up and morale up from past couple years
- Little bit of a hiccup getting priests arranged for student confessions
- Working with a few families on school financing

- SAC purpose should be to advise the Principal and/or Assistant Principal based on what they need rather than being a forum to discuss comments or issues submitted by others; aim to get back to this for the bulk of meeting items

Principal's Report

Kevin Naumann

- Administrator's Day held recently where the diocese presented its plan for what it means to provide a Catholic liberal education
 - ICLE (Institute for Catholic Liberal Education) seminar-based curriculum originally intended to help schools in danger of closing due to adherence to orthodoxy
 - Our current model is working pretty well, so we don't see a need for a wholesale change at this time but will work toward incremental implementation
 - 6 key points the Bishop would like to focus on:
 - Grammar
 - Natural Science: plants, animals, chemistry, etc.
 - Poetry: memorization and recitation, as a group for younger grades and individually for older grades
 - Plays/Theatre
 - Written Assessment: focus on writing skills across all curriculum, including math and science
 - Sacramental Imagination: form children's imaginations in the early years, as Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) does
 - Diocesan visitation next Wednesday at 1:00 pm will include follow-up on these 6 points and how we intend to implement them
- Blessing of CGS Atrium set for September 28 at 3:30 pm
- Worldview Comparison handout: Secular (man/self is central focus) vs. Catholic (God is central focus)
- More non-Catholic families enrolled this year than ever before, around 5

SFA Report

Carolyn Bosn

- Walk For Christ (WFC)
 - Had a great year with more participation across the board
 - Anonymous donor matched funds for first donor day, and another donor has promised full matching
 - T-shirts distributed today
 - Duct tape Mr. Naumann to the gym wall tomorrow afternoon
 - Walk Day this Friday, September 23
 - New playground equipment still delayed, possibly into 2023, due to manufacturer delays; photos of proposed equipment below
- Approved new window blinds for classrooms
- Able to fund the purchase of 4 wide-angle security cameras for interior of school
- Working on covering tech fees for next school year and letting people know that this is one of the items SFA funds help pay for
- Further down the road, looking to get Walk For Christ planning underway

Closing Prayer

Fr. McCabe

Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

5:30 pm, Resurrection Hall

Submitted by:

Carrie Finson, Council Secretary

Council Members (13)

Fr. McCabe, Pastor

Kevin Naumann, School Principal

President: Duane Becker, Parishioner and School Parent

Vice President: Chelsea Schauer, Parishioner and School Parent

Secretary: Carrie Finson, Director of Communications

SFA Presidents: Reggie and Carolyn Bosn, or Vice Presidents Jason and Michelle Weber (usually only one of the four is present)

Jane Kreifels, School Staff

Kathy Krinke, School Staff

Kathy Donlan, School Staff

Mike Czyz, Parishioner and School Parent

Carol Zink, Parishioner

Jami Hughes, Parishioner and School Parent

Nicole Russman, Parishioner and School Parent

Non-voting Members (2)

Sr. Mary Angela, School Assistant Principal

Ann Wackel, Parish/School Business Manager