

**St. Joseph Parish Council  
Meeting Minutes  
September 28, 2021; 7:00 PM Meeting**

<b>Attending</b>	<b>Excused</b>	<b>Role</b>
Fr. Michael McCabe		Pastor
	Jill Becker	Elected- President
Andy Arbie		Elected- Vice President
Grace Raun		Elected- Secretary
Jim Love		Elected
Joyce McClure		Elected
Dave Reese		Elected
	Emily Zurcher	Elected
	Walt Zink	Trustee
Amy Zeleny		Trustee
	Jim Essay	Finance Council Representative
	Michele Chambers	Pastoral Council Representative
Mikayla Pond Representative		Stewardship Committee
Ben Huck Representative		Building and Grounds Committee
Ann Wackel		Parish Operations Manager
	Chelsea Schauer	School Advisory Committee
Representative Joe LeDuc		(Parishioner in attendance)

**Opening Prayer**

**Fr. Michael McCabe**

**Review/Approve (March's meeting minutes)**

**Andy Arbie**

Motion to approve: Joyce McClure  
Motion second: Father McCabe  
Approved: All Yea

**Old Business**

**Committee Reports**

**Finance Council/Parish Operations**

Committee chair: Jim Essay  
No meeting.

Discussion: Combine Finance Council and Parish Operations combined in parish council reports. They will be meeting in October.

**Stewardship Council**

Committee chair: Mikayla Pond

Purpose Statement: The purpose of this meeting is to finalize preparations for the Ministry Fair and Ministry Booklet and discuss the structure of the Stewardship Committee moving forward.

### **Pastoral Council**

Committee chair: Michelle Chambers

No report given.

### NEW MEMBERS

- Michelle Weber and Matt Litt
- Matt is willing to be the overall co-chair

### MINISTRY FAIR RECAP

- Discussed survey summary
- Layout needs to be different for next year
- Should continue to hold this annually
- Proposed spreading out the fair over multiple weekends and splitting ministries by pillar

### PHOTO DIRECTORY

- Dates: Nov. 9-13, 16-20 and Nov. 30-Dec. 4
- Need hosts/hostesses for photo dates
- Need people to make Mass announcements the weekend of October 2nd & 3rd
- Need people to man iPads October 2-3, 9-10, 16-17

### PARISH-WIDE CONSECRATION

- Consecration to St. Joseph
- Starts September 29th
- Ends October 30/31 at Mass
- Other events: Women's adoration 10/6, Sharon Doran 10/13, Men's adoration 10/20, Emmaus presentation 10/23 (at St. John's)

Discussion:

1. Photo directory: Really need people to sign up; not allowed to submit photos to a large degree, so people need to come sit for pictures; Mikayla will be setting up iPads for people to sign up; Father McCabe wants to encourage people to come
2. Tithing renewal in November; lots of generosity with CSA/Walk for Christ; seeing a normal dip in tithing right now, but typically increases in November and December; more people are now giving through foundations; discussed the endowment and how a hybrid approach (giving now vs. giving to an endowment) is important
3. St. Joseph Consecration begins tomorrow

### **Building & Grounds Committee**

Committee chair: Ben Huck

Committee members: Jeff Chadwick, Jim Essay, Nick Froeschl, Roch Gaussoin, Norm Goldsmith, Don Killeen, Dick Kohel, Doug Lillie, Dan Muhleisen, Karen Nalow, JJ Yost

Date of last meeting: September 21, 2021

Date of next meeting: November 9, 2021

Action Items Completed:

- Missing kneelers from original installation have been installed. However, they missed the confessional and usher kneelers. These will be fabricated and installed asap.

Action Items In-progress/Pending:

- Replacement of roof areas J, K, L, M, N (south and east side of Church) has been delayed to November due to delays in receiving roof membrane from manufacturer.
- Evaluating options and costs for the following items:
  - Replacement of roof top HVAC unit which serves a portion of the school
  - Repairs to Rectory parking lot curbs, sidewalks, and driveway
  - School water heater
  - Repairs/replacement of Church air handling unit
  - Asphalt parking lot maintenance
  - Power washing/cleaning of exterior stone
- Working with SFA on potential installation of volleyball equipment on the playground.
- Coordinating with donors on projects which may include Christmas lights at Rectory, upgrading sound system, carpet replacement, window replacement

Discussion:

1. Mics are being upgraded (bid is in, but it is not fixed yet); talks of it being fixed by December
2. Father McCabe said the readers can use the main pulpit if they need to (announcements, petitions, etc.); this will be communicated to Russ Bayer; it was asked if Bluetooth works with the new system; Ann will ask
3. The Committee is trying to identify some critical areas for the property, especially areas that are past their lifetime (heating and air, roof, parking lot, etc.); sending the information to Finance Council for decision making on how to afford these issues

**St. Joseph School Advisory Council**

Committee chair: Chelsea Schauer

Pastor's Report: Fr. McCabe

- Thankful for each day, especially in light of the 20th anniversary of 9/11
- Happy with faculty, staff, students
- Prep for Walk for Christ is coming along well
- Lots of exciting things coming up
  - o Youth Ministry programs launching
  - o Marriage Ministry fall meetings
  - o Fall Baptism Brunch on October 2

Principal's Report: Kevin Naumann

- Friday, September 17 is an early dismissal day
- First volleyball game was on Monday; others to occur the next 3 Mondays at 5:45 pm
  - o (2) 8th Grade teams and (1) 7th Grade team
  - o Went well, good attendance, won about half, tied some
  - o No concessions for now but ticket price raised from \$2 to \$3 with half the money going to Student Council
- Diocesan Education Office visit set for September 21
- Walk for Christ next Friday, September 24
- Next Baptism Brunch scheduled for October 2
- Parent-Teacher Conferences to be held the first week of October
- Diocesan institute day is October 11
- CK Sisters Outdoor Workday will be on October 16
- Year of St. Joseph pilgrimages
  - o 3rd & 4th Grades are being rescheduled
  - o First Student buses not available; will rely on parent volunteers
  - o Other grades are scheduled for the last week of September
  - o K-2 pilgrimage will be using an Arrow bus due to the need for booster seats
  - o Locations
    - K-2 Sts. Mary and Joseph Church in Valparaiso and Carmel of Jesus, Mary and Joseph in Agnew
    - 3-4 to visit CK Mother House to see their mini St. Joseph shrine; leatherwork w/Mike Czyz
    - 5-6 to visit Holy Family Shrine; Tradewell Pallet owned/operated by Sr. Marie Jacqueline's family
    - 7-8 to visit St. Joseph Church in Omaha; Zonker's Woodworking tour
- Computers (Ann)
  - o Computer Lab – Everything is done and working!
  - o Teachers and staff received new computers; new monitors are in the process of being set up; iPads will be set up after monitors are done; JH laptops to be received in October and ready to use in November
- COVID concerns
  - o Pandemic weathered pretty well since last March without too much attrition
  - o Concern about the masking/anti-masking debate and surrounding vitriol; there is worry about the nurse and some other positions being able to last the entire year and the possibility of losing good teachers
  - o Teachers have been emotionally affected in a negative way by comments they've received, especially via email
  - o Need to figure out how to manage teacher-parent communications to avoid emotional and mental burnout of teachers

#### SFA Report: Shilo Froeschl

- Walk for Christ halfway goal was met; there will be a teacher relay race on Friday, September 17
- All corporate donations for Walk for Christ have been received
- Roughly \$11,000 remains to make our final goal

- Thanks to Carrie Finson for communications help

### New Business

- To consider for October: Jr. High issues; may smooth out after Parent-Teacher conferences

### Discussion:

1. Youth ministry is starting off well; have Sara give some of her objectives in the next report; considered asking her to send a monthly report to Parish Council; need more male parish volunteers for youth groups
2. Concerns about teacher burnout; a push for saying 'thank you' to the teachers and staff working hard

### New Business

\*New business was addressed under the different reports above.

### **Future Meeting Dates**

None listed.

**Andy Arbie**

### **Closing Prayer**

**Fr. Michael McCabe**