

Saint Joseph Parish Council

Minutes for April 9, 2019 Meeting

Members present: (4) Monica Henkenius, Nancy Krumland, Jill Becker, Ron Clinch

Ex-Officio Members Present: (1) Fr. McCabe

Representatives Present: (7) Don Killeen, Jim Essay, Craig Pytleski, Ann Wackel, Mary Kay Gillan, Zachary Baehr

Trustees Present: Walt Zink, Gayle Morin

Excused: Chloe Kreikemeier, Ron Snyder, Dave Easley, Jim Love

Opening Prayer

Father McCabe

Father gave thanks for the Lenten journey and hope in Easter.

Meeting called to order

Monica Henkenius

Welcome Zachary Baehr from the school advisory board. This will good to share information between the school and the parish council.

The meeting was called to order by President Monica Henkenius.

She then asked for a review and approval of the March 12, 2019 minutes. Motion for approval was made by Nancy Krumland and seconded by Gayle with changes. The corrections included details of the proposed parish book, and the comparison of the teacher's salaries to LPS salaries. The motion was then approved by all members of the council.

Old Business

Parish Book gift for Easter. We received 6 copies of the book. It was reviewed by Nancy Krumland, Monica Henkenius and Ron Snyder. The cost is \$1.50/book for a total cost of \$1,750 for the parish.

Several concerns were mentioned:

Can we get the books in time for Easter. Delivery is one week.

Previous books were tied to the parish. This book does not have a connection to the parish.

This book is a collection of short testimonials by Catholics.

The book is not purposeful.

Nancy moved to kill the proposal. It was seconded by Jim Essay. Motion died.

Discussion concluded by recommending we search for a better book. There is a value to giving back to the parishioners. Some of the existing books will be placed in the adoration chapel.

New Business

Next meeting date: After discussion, the May meeting will be on Tuesday on May 14 at 5:30 PM.

Review Parish Council Constitution – Walter Zink/Gayle Morin.

The last review and revision occurred in 2015.

After discussion a motion was offered by Ron Clinch that Walt and Gayle make the following changes and present at the next meeting:

Change date for latest revision to current date

Eliminate the Pie chart. The ministry book serves this function. The ministry committee maintains the book.

Article IV – Section B: Clarify that only the elected members are eligible to vote on motions. The representatives of the organizations, the trustees and the ex-officio members do not have a vote.

Committee members are only representatives of the organizations, and do not have voting rights.

Remove “up to” for the at large members.

Add the “School Advisory” committee to the list of committees.

Review the use of the word “member” in the remainder of the document. Committee representatives should be referred to as “representatives”.

Article Section D: Change “Seven” to “The”.

Strike references to “Faith Formation” committee.

Encourage all members and representatives to be active participants in discussion.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Zach Baehr presented information on the “school advisory council”. The council has no authority. Their function is to report to principal and Superintendent (Fr. McCabe) on issues related to the school. The actual workings of the group will be set by the new principal and father McCabe. The SFA (School Family Association) will have a representative attend and report to the parish council. Zach is the current representative. Provide feedback to the principal, in a good way. One purpose is to improve collaboration. A second is to get feedback from the school parents to the administration. This is a potential overlap with parish engagement which is doing good work.

Father McCabe reported on “Faith Partners”. Mark Burtcshe is interested in working on. Faith partners is an ecumenical organization concerned with drug and alcohol abuse. Reverend Otto Schultz is initiating this work in Lincoln. Father will check with the other Lincoln parishes involvement. Ron Clinch recommended that we pursue an AA presence for the parish.

Committee Reports

Finance - Jim Essay

No meeting since last report.

An interested parishioner asked to comment. He thanked the finance council for the work they have done on the Teacher compensation package for the coming school year. He commented that during the March 12 meeting, a question was posed by Jim Love about the parity for our teachers in comparison to Lincoln Public School teachers. The parishioner did an analysis and found that the salaries for St. Joseph school teachers will be between 70 and 85 percent of LPS teachers. He believes that 80 to 90 percent parity is appropriate. This is also what the Bishop proposes. As our parish council and parish should be as transparent as possible on this information.

Stewardship Craig Pytleski

Craig’s wife is having a baby today, so was not at the meeting! the Stewardship Committee is in final preparation for the CSA. Craig sent a request for all of us to sign up to help with on CSA Sunday. Children’s fair. Talent needed to get new talent. New people to learn. Make a mini template. More to report next month.

Joni – new person at Our Daily Visitor. She reported that at a 60% participation we are at the upper end of participation in large parishes. She recommended that we develop different ideas to tell the parishioners where the money is going. One idea is to hold a “Name Tag Sunday”. All Mass goers would get name tags upon arriving for Sunday Mass. This would be another way to get to know our fellow parishioners. The parish needs to look for new ways to “Tell Our Story”. Typical pledge follow through is 50%. St. Joe’s is running higher than that. She was complementary on St. Joe’s. The parish should continue to reinforce the Our Daily Visitor pledges. Walt Zink asked: What is the demographics of our giving. Anne says that she has access to our birth dates and could run a report. Nancy Krumland said that young people are the growth of the parish, but not yet the money. Younger generation is cost driven. You have to ask, and tell a story. Zach Baehr suggested that the weekly electronic thank you for the contributions should contain updated information to stay fresh.

Pastoral Council - Mary Kay Gillan

27% of members of altar society (all women of the parish) pay dues. The Altar Society will work at the diaconate reception for Caleb Hile. To help Fiat, Girl Scouts will help with tracing dresses for Haiti. Altar Society is organizing the Eucharistic procession for Corpus Christie. Prime timers are going to Casino. Altar Society is going to replace the gold chasuble, and then continue with the green and red ones.

Youth - Chloe Kreikemeier

Totus Tuus is in June. Hiring is in process to replace Chloe. Chloe has done a great job for the parish.

Building & Grounds - Don Killeen

Meeting last Wednesday to discuss the narthex furniture. Lisa Guerra presented 2 proposals. The group agreed to meet this Friday at OID to look at the actual furniture pieces and further discuss possible layouts. Jeff will look at a way to redesign the donation boxes in the narthex. The roof replacement project will begin in early June (after school is out for the summer). Doug Lilly had the storm sewer drain in the circle scoped for problems. None were found. We will proceed with bids to repair the storm sewer drain inlet. The proposal to seal cracks, fix potholes and stripe the parking lot was approved. The sump pump is constantly running in the rectory. The problem is being investigated. A neighbor reported that a large branch fell during the winter north of the school. It will be cleared soon.

Parish Operations - Ann Wackel

No additional news.

St Joseph's School & Advisory Board Report - Father McCabe/Zachary Baehr

First communion and confirmation are big events. Everything went well. The school is looking to fill a para and a half time teaching assistant.

Closing Remarks and Prayer - Father McCabe

Thanks for the help and the goodness of this group. Help the dying and those struggling. Glory be the Father....

Executive Session, if needed – not needed

Saint Joseph's Parish Council

Trustees:

Gayle Morin
Walt Zink

Representatives:

Jim Essay - Finance
Mary Kay Gillan - Pastoral Council
Craig Pytleski - Stewardship
Don Killeen - Building & Grounds
Chloe Kreikemeier - Director of Youth Ministry
Ann Wackel - Director of Parish Operations
Zach Baehr - School Advisory Board

Elected Council Members:

Monica Henkenius, President
Nancy Krumland, Vice President
Ron Snyder, Secretary
David Easley
Ron Clinch
Jim Love
Jill Becker

Submitted by Ron Clinch (filling in for Ron Snyder)