

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, August 14, 2018
7:00 PM Heritage Room

Present (11): Father McCabe, Chloe Kreikemeier, Gayle Morin, Don Killeen, Mary Kay Gillan, Amy Zeleny, David Easley, Craig Pytleski, Monica Henkenius, Jill O'Donnell, Jim Essay

Excused (4): Ron Clinch, Nancy Krumland, Ron Snyder, Walt Zink

Opening Prayer: **Father McCabe**

Meeting called to order: **Amy Zeleny**

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Amy Zeleny. She then asked for a review and approval of the June 12, 2018 minutes. Motion for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting was made by **Jim Essay** and seconded by **Don Killeen**. Motion approved by all members of the Council.

OLD BUSINESS

The Charity and Stewardship Appeal (CSA) will be reviewed at a meeting in September.

NEW BUSINESS

Parish Council Expectations **Father McCabe**

Father McCabe shared his expectations for the work of the Parish Council, emphasizing hospitality, prayer, education, and service.

Initial Feedback on Parish **All**

Amy is collecting feedback from parish council members on what is going well and what areas need improvement. She will compile it for Father McCabe.

End of Year Financial Review **Ann Wackel**

Ann and Jim will provide this update next month.

Next Meeting Date: September 18, 2018 **Amy Zeleny**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Pastoral Council

Mary Kay Gillan

The FIAT group has been to Villa Marie school to repaint the entrance hall and recreate the artwork in the entrance hall with calligraphy and sketch of the Blessed Mother. The school collection went very well; the council was able to satisfy all requests from the schools for supplies to help the low-income students at local diocesan schools. The remaining funds from that project will be used to ship supplies to the mission in Haiti.

FIAT members are continuously collecting items to help the mission community in Kobonal Haiti. Father Meaux will return to St. Joseph's from Aug. 30-Sept. 3. Volunteers will collect peanut butter, shoes, personal care products, backpacks, and sports bottles. These items will be added to the dental and medical supplies to be shipped in early October. The dental-medical mission next year will be the 11th mission trip.

Building and Grounds

Don Killeen

The building committee met on June 26 and heard a presentation from Roch Gaussoin on the campus landscape plan. He will modify that plan based on the feedback received and will present it at their next meeting. The school was re-carpeted over the summer and turned out very well. The Strategic Planning Committee and Building Committee will meet later this month. Jim and Don discussed holding a joint meeting of the Finance Committee and Building Committee.

Stewardship

Craig Pytleski

Craig gave an update on the CSA issue regarding a number of prior generous donors who did not receive pledge cards. CSA statistics for this year: 48% of parishioners participated by completing the pledge card. \$379,000 in pledges were made. \$306,000 of that has been received to date.

Craig discussed ways to improve communication surrounding the CSA next year and increase volunteers so it is not too taxing on any one volunteer family.

Ann discussed the need to communicate to parishioners the differences between and purposes of the parish's three appeals (Bishop's Appeal for Vocations; Offertory Renewal; and CSA). Mary Kay Gillan raised the idea of a financial calendar for parishioners so they know in advance which appeals are coming and when. Craig, or a designee from the committee, will present a plan in September for communicating about the next appeal.

The Stewardship Committee met today and discussed hospitality ideas that can be implemented quickly.

The Council discussed the idea of any committee bringing in parishioners who are doing great work to present to the Council and be recognized for what they are doing.

St. Joseph's School / Advisory Board Report

Fr. McCabe

Ann explained that the two main initiatives the Advisory Board has worked on are the inclusive education initiative and a strategic marketing plan. The Council discussed bringing in someone from the Board, or the new Communications Director, once per semester to present to the Council.

Pastoral Planning

Walt Zink

No report this month.

Youth Ministry:

Chloe Kreikemeier

Zach started in his new position working with Chloe last week. There is a need for couples to take on the freshmen Godteen groups. Chloe is working on outreach for programming in the public schools.

Parish Operations:

Ann Wackel

They are working with Our Sunday Visitor for the next stewardship appeal. Ann is also working with others on the next CANA fundraiser. It is planned for January 26, 2019 at the Lincoln Station. There are interviews scheduled for the Director of Communications position over the next two weeks.

Finance Council:

Jim Essay

No report this month.

Next Meeting Date: September 18, 2018

Closing Prayer:

Fr. McCabe

Respectfully submitted,

Jill O'Donnell, Secretary

St. Joseph's Parish Council (16)

Father McCabe, Pastor

Trustees: Gayle Morin and Walt Zink

Representatives

Ann Wackel: Director of Parish Operations

Jim Essay: Finance

Mary Kay Gillan: Pastoral Council

Walt Zink: Pastoral Planning

Don Killeen: Building and Grounds

Chloe Kreikemeier: Director of Youth Ministry

Craig Pytleski: Stewardship

Elected Council Members

Amy Zeleny, President

Monica Henkenius, Vice President

Jill O'Donnell, Secretary

Ron Snyder

David Easley

Nancy Krumland

Ron Clinch