

Saint Joseph Parish Council

Nov. 12, 2019 Heritage Room 7:00pm

Present: (11) Fr. McCabe, Monica Henkenius, Nancy Krumland, Ron Snyder, Ron Clinch, Jim Essay, Don Killen, Michelle Chambers, Dave Easley, Jim Love, , Ann Wackel, Anthony Krick

Excused: (7) Gayle Morin, Zachary Baehr, Jill Becker, Craig Pytleski, Megan Grady, Walt Zink

Opening Prayer

Fr. McCabe

Meeting called to order

Monica Henkenius

Review and approval of the Oct. 16th 2019 Meeting minutes. Monica noted that there were no notes for Father's St. Joseph's School and School Advisory report. Monica motioned for the council to approve the minutes with the condition that the minutes would be updated with Father's report. Monica's motioned was seconded by Ron Clinch and approved by the council.

Old Business:

Ann Reported that Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) brochure will be mailed out next week. The brochure mailing includes the pledge card and the actual budget from the previous year. Pledge cards will also be available in the Narthex for all masses during the Nov. 16/17 and 23/24 weekends.

New Business:

- Fish Fry: David Easley reported that he discussed the Fry with the men's basketball league and they are willing to support/work it. The first year maybe only one Friday, either the 1st or 2nd Friday of Lent. Father suggested holding a fish fry on two Fridays. David will continue to work out logistics of the fish fry and bring a more formal proposal to the December 10th meeting.
- Parish Council Nominations: Jim provided the council with a comprehensive list of all the potential candidates. The list was discussed by the council and each candidate was categorized as:
 1. St. Joseph school Parent
 2. Parents of grown children
 3. Retired
 4. CCD/Public School Parents

Jim and Jill will prioritize the list and begin to call the candidates. The goal is to try to maintain balance on the council by replacing those leaving the council with others from similar categories.

- CANA: Monica reported that the planning for this event is well underway. The date of CANA is Jan. 25, with social hour beginning at 6:00 PM and the Dinner scheduled to start at 7:00.

The December meeting will be on Dec. 10th at 6:00 at Monica's house at 6510 Monticello Dr.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee:

Jim Essay

- Ann Wackel commented on the 9/30/19 Profit and Loss balance sheet for both the church and the school. Balance sheet indicated that overall receipts were down by approximately \$48,000. CSA represented \$45,000 of this shortage. Other sources of funding are expected to make up the shortages. Year-end giving has traditionally made up for the yearly budgeted shortages and this expectation remains unchanged. Additionally, the OSV program for increased giving will be starting in November.
- Balance sheet cash and savings assets were also reviewed. It was determined that the organ fund no longer needed to be a restricted account and that organ maintenance can be budgeted for on an annual basis. Ann will visit with Mike Zeleny about what might be a reasonable amount to budget for organ maintenance on an annual basis.
- The financial planning seminar went well. There were 20-25 in attendance. Plans are to offer this seminar annually.
- Ann circulated a copy of the year-end letter and financial statistics that will go out to all parishioners with the OSV introduction.

- Fr. McCabe updated some of the Building Committee discussion regarding both church and school building maintenance issues. A comprehensive 1, 3, & 5-year plan will be developed and communicated to the parish when completed.
- Ann reported that the diocese is expecting each Parish to do a 5-year strategic plan for the school and school funding in conjunction with the Good Shepherd Scholarship. This plan could be developed for St. Joseph's for a fee through a consultant that works for the diocese or it could be done internally. The council suggested that an internal parish effort was the desired approach.
- Fr. McCabe said the new hire for the stewardship position was still in progress. Instead of going outside the parish he may try to investigate finding a parishioner who might fit the needed position.

Stewardship Committee:

Craig Pytleski

- Planned Giving Seminar held on Oct. 21st from 7 – 9 PM was successful. It covered Financial Planning, estate planning vehicles for charitable giving and basic stewardship principles. Feedback was positive.
- Next seminar Craig and Michael will enhance the marketing and communications as many people were confused and thought it was for old or rich people.
- Seminar was designed for all ages and every age group would have gained from the seminar.
- Craig and Michael felt like they needed more support from the parish and finance councils with the thought being, "if the leaders in the parish aren't in the seats at the seminar why should any other parishioner attend. Currently their thought is that if they can get the majority of the two council members to attend and bring 2-3 guest each the seminar would be a tremendous success.

St. Joseph's School & School Advisory Council Report:

Fr. McCabe

- Preparations for 1st Communion and Confirmation are underway with good parent involvement.
- Father wants to make sure school families are also attending Mass on weekends; 60% of St. Joseph parishioners attended Mass last weekend
- Msgr. Perkinson okayed 2 of our 3 expansion proposals; still waiting on the Bishop and a few others to weigh in; will be able to start moving forward on fundraising (e.g. capital campaign) but it's a wait-and-see situation for now
- Great energy for Walk for Christ – SFA presidents did a great job and Kevin was a good sport
- We have been working on bat abatement

Pastoral Council:

Michele Chambers

- Altar Society: The diaper drive just concluded; the crib had to be emptied three times. All clothing, blankets, and toys will be sent to birthright and diapers will go to the Pregnancy Center. Since the Immaculate Conception is on Sunday this year, they planned a brunch after the 08:15 Mass on Dec. 7th, instead of an Advent Dinner. Speaker will be Sister Margaret Macke, topic is "Human Trafficking".
- CCD: There are 100 kids enrolled. There has been 1 baptism of a first grader.
- Family Ministry: The senior group is up and running. The Christmas Giving Tree will be up again this year. Sharon Jacobson will coordinate meals for Gayle Morin.
- FIAT: Laurie reported that the items the parish collected for the Kobonal Mission in Haiti were packed and shipped last month. All told, there were: ¾ ton of peanut butter, 1200 hygiene packets, school supplies, shoes, plastic buckets, backpacks, and sports bottles. Our parish school children collected toys for the children, and ladies sewed 429 dresses and 51 pairs of shorts. Nineteen volunteers helped put the pallets together. The FIAT team believes the project was a success. Fr. Meaux is still in the US and will return to Haiti when travel is less tricky. The dental/medical team cancelled their trip this year and hope to make the 2020 visit next March.
- Liturgy/Environment: The Remembrance Mass will be Nov. 19th at 7:00 PM. New books needs to be purchased for the parish members that passed away this year. The Fall Ministries will be held Dec. 14th. Fr. Clark will be the speaker. Penance service will be Dec. 22nd, the Sunday before Christmas. The trees and lights will be placed on the altar Thursday and Friday before Christmas, But the lights will not be illuminated until Christmas. Christmas Eve Masses will be at 5:00 and 10:00 and Christmas Day Masses will be at 9:00 and 11:00.
- Pro-life: 40 Days for life was successful. Over 50% of the time slots were filled at the St. Joseph's area. The big Pro-Life March is scheduled for Jan. 18th and will start at the capitol building.

Building and Grounds:

Don Killeen

- Roof Leaks at the back of the church near the confessionals have been patched. Weathercraft has been asked to give the committee bids on roofs J, K, & L as these sections of the roof are all 20-year old single membrane roofs that are nearing the end of their life.
- Front Entry Beam – the drawings and the proposed solution for the front entry beam have been received for the structural engineer. We are now in a position to obtain contractor bids.
- Church air handler. Kidwell Electric will be checking out the system to determine if the interruption in service that we received was due to a water problem or a lighting strike.
- Science room remodel is being funded by the SFA's Walk for Christ money. There is a budget of \$50,000 with the intent of having the work performed next summer.
- Storage in Resurrection Hall and coat racks in the narthex. Doug Lillie has been asked to price a moveable coat rack and to look at options for storage.
- Narthex Information Screen – The committee discussed the possibility of an information screen in the narthex. The committee has also asked Zachary Baehr to put together some options since he was involved in a similar installation for Pius High School.

Youth Ministry:

Anthony Krick

- Knights of the Altar (Wednesday mornings from 7:00am-7:55am) is going great. About 10 young men weekly to discuss topics of manhood and faith.
- Heirs of Grace (Thursday mornings from 7:00am-7:55am) is packed with attendance with 20-25 girls each week. They play games and talk about being strong young women.
- Sum of Love (7th and 8th grade boys and girls) has over 50 kids who meet once a month in a big group. There will be a Christmas party in mid-December.
- Jesus and Java (Tuesday nights from 8-9pm, high school students) involves anywhere from 5-10 kids per week. The hope is to reach out to more students next semester. Activities involve talks about virtues, drinking coffee, and playing games.
- Freshman discipleship programs – The goal of this program is to develop high school students into intentional disciples who will keep the faith for the rest of their lives. This program does this by supporting students in forming deep, personal relationships with Christ through small group ministry and faith mentoring. Each week, students gather with their small group and are given a space where they can speak freely about their personal faith journey. Students form virtuous relationships with one another, and as a result, develop deep relationships with Christ. The operational guidelines are:
 - Students sign up as a group (5-7 students of the same gender)
 - Each group is paired with 1 adult mentor
 - Groups meet for an hour each week
 - Students discuss anything from apologetics to personal prayer to the life of the saints to any questions on their hearts

This offers flexible scheduling. The students form groups out of friendships so that the same students who talk about faith are the same students that they share lunch with, play sports with, etc. This is intended to avoid the compartmentalization of faith. Since this is a new program, we are only asking for high school Freshmen to sign up. Currently 3 groups have been formed and are meeting weekly on Sunday evenings. John and Pamela Steuter (8 boys); Chaz Zurcher (7 boys), Nicole Olsen (6 girls)

Parish Operations:

Ann Wackel

No Report

Executive Session:

Not required

Closing Prayer

Father McCabe

Respectfully submitted by Ron Snyder, secretary

Saint Joseph's Parish Council

Father McCabe

Trustees: Walt Zink & Gayle Morin

Elected Council Members:

Monica Henkenius, President

Nancy Krumland, Vice President

Ron Snyder, Secretary

Jill Becker

Jim Love

Ron Clinch

David Easley

Representatives:

Jim Essay, Finance

Michelle Chambers, Pastoral Council

Craig Pytleski, Stewardship

Don Killen, Building & Grounds

Megan O'Grady/Anthony Krick, Director of Youth Ministries

Ann Wackel, Director of Parish Operations

Zachary Baehr, School Advisory Board