

St. Joseph Waverly - Pastoral Council 8.23.17 Minutes

The parish council met on Wednesday, August, 23, 2017 at 6:30pm at St. Joseph Parish Hall. Attendees included John Lichtenauer, Liz Collins, Jackie Klenda, Terry Arb, Kevin Thimmesh and Fr. Quentin Schmitz. Members not in attendance were Theresa Biggs, Wayne Blackbourn, Doug Henry and Emily Piper.

Opening Prayer was led by Father.

Minutes from previous meeting were not reviewed.

- A. (A and so forth)The **spiritual formation** and growth of the people of the parish in **liturgical** celebrations;
 - a. Jackie intends to make and Holy Hour prayer card, somewhat similar to Mass cards.

- B. The **education** of adults and youth in the faith;
 - a. CCD/RE - classes start Wednesday, September 6, Registration is online; six families had registered at the time of the meeting. Jackie will email another reminder.
 - b. Apply for Technology Grant: nothing to report.

- C. The fostering and nurturing of “**community**” in the parish;
 - a. Hayrack ride this Fall - October 22
 - b. Monthly Breakfast/Coffee & Donuts - every first Sunday. Terry will head up September
 - i. Could be casseroles
 - ii. Could be donuts from burlington; Father would pick up if someone places an order

- D. The **evangelization** of the non-participative Catholics in the parish and the unchurched;
 - a. Nothing to report

- E. Witnessing to the Gospel of **social justice** in one’s community through service;
 - a. Nothing to report

- F. Provide information and make recommendations, which reflect the spirit of the parish, in order to advise the pastor concerning decisions affecting the **life of the parish community**;
 - a. Church Foundation followup
 - i. Cracks in walls
 - ii. North wall bowing. Kevin will get a professional opinion and estimate from Jeff Elbrader for possibly adding a second bar to pull the walls together.
 - b. Need to clean our furnace vent holes - birds are flying in, add screens. John will touch base with Mike Hirt.
 - c. Insurance followup. Adjusted came to look at roof. Yet to get a report.

- G. Be responsible with the pastor for the **pastoral planning** of the parish, including **ecumenical** activities;
 - a. Nothing to report

- H. Review, evaluate, and make recommendations to the pastor and the parish finance council concerning the **funding of the parish programs**;

- a. Fundraising Ideas - Discussion to ask parishioners to contribute to cost of I-beams and related repairs. Will get estimate for bowing wall, and create handout with range of possibilities. In the next month or so, announce after mass and possibly send out mailing.
 - b. Financial Report (July, October, January, April)
 - i. Cemetery Checking Account: \$32,508.74
 - ii. Altar Society Checking Account: \$2,650.86
 - iii. NOW Regular Checking Account: \$33,218.25
 - iv. Altar Society CD: \$1,414.15
 - c. Is there a cemetery committee anymore?
 - d. Current Financial Council will review Annual Report. Each seems to ending their term this year. Moving forward, pastoral council will be financial council also.
- I. Provide for **communications**, coordination, and cooperation among the parish members and organizations;
- a. Knights of Columbus - no report
 - b. Altar Society - no report
 - c. Swing set - John will call Catholic Mutual to find out requirements before moving forward with plans for alternative.
- J. Participate in and cooperate with **regional and diocesan** decisions pertaining to parish life.
- a. Prairie Star under the Stars campout for high school youth - Saturday, September 23
 - b. Family Day - Sunday September 24
 - c. RCYC - Nov. 17-18, 2017 (conflicts with NCYC, may not be happening this year)
- K. Report from Father
- a. Review existing addresses list. Contact information updates can be submitted via Update Info form on parishes' website.
- L. Next Meeting Date: **Thursday, September 21st at 6:30 p.m.** at St. Joseph Hall
- a. Father proposes, per the diocesan study from 2011, that the four parishes councils meet quarterly, with no individual parish meetings that month - starting in October. Also will not meet in July or December.
- M. Upcoming Events
- a. August 26: Pitch Card Party/Family Game Night @ St. Patricks after 6:30pm Mass
 - b. September 6: CCD begins
 - c. September 24: Archbishop Pastoral Visit - 10:30am Mass in Burlington

Closing Prayer/Adjourn - Father closed the meeting with prayer.