

St. Joseph Waverly - Pastoral Council 9.21.17 Minutes

The parish council met on Thursday, September, 21, 2017 at 6:30pm at St. Joseph Parish Hall.

Attendees included John Lichtenauer, Jackie Klenda, Terry Arb, Kevin Thimmesh, Wayne Blackburn, and Fr. Quentin Schmitz. Members not in attendance were Liz Collins, Theresa Biggs, Doug Henry and Emily Piper.

Opening Prayer was led by Father.

Minutes: Terry moved to accept the minutes. Kevin seconded. Minutes are approved.

- A. The **spiritual formation** and growth of the people of the parish in **liturgical** celebrations;
 - a. Jackie suggested to intentional about using Latin responses during Advent and Lent. Father commented this is a good idea.

- B. The **education** of adults and youth in the faith;
 - a. CCD/RE - 50 students enrolled in classes
 - i. Can use little building by heating the space, sacristy & cry room for classrooms
 - b. Adult Formation/RCIA will start in October.

- C. The fostering and nurturing of “**community**” in the parish;
 - a. Hayrack ride this Fall - October 22 (CCD)
 - b. Monthly Breakfast/Coffee & Donuts - every first Sunday.
 - i. Terry invited families to sign up. Slots are filled through 2017
 - ii. Option to get frozen donuts (Karen Milliken) Let her know Tuesday prior.
 - iii. Families can donate food or obtain tax ID# and submit receipts.

- D. The **evangelization** of the non-participative Catholics in the parish and the unchurched;
 - a. Put a newspaper article to invite people to adult education classes/post office bulletin board

- E. Witnessing to the Gospel of **social justice** in one’s community through service;
 - a. CCD is planning caroling and cookies in December
 - b. CCD plans do a pro-life drive or fundraiser in January

- 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. 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. Insurance followup. Adjuster’s report.
 - i. \$12,500 worth of damage, recommend replace siding on north and south walls of church; \$2,000 depreciation value; \$500 deductible
 - ii. No report for adjuster about the church roof. Kevin will followup with adjustor.
 - iii. Jackie moved for Kevin to get a couple of estimates to replace siding.
 - c. Ministry signups will take place in December

- G. Be responsible with the pastor for the **pastoral planning** of the parish, including **ecumenical** activities;
 - a. October 8th - 4-H Sunday

- H. Review, evaluate, and make recommendations to the pastor and the parish finance council concerning the **funding of the parish programs**;
- a. Funds for church building costs - Will get estimate for bowing wall, and create handout with range of possibilities to promote to parishioners
 - b. Financial Report (July, October, January, April)
 - i. Cemetery Checking Account: \$32,578.74
 - ii. Altar Society Checking Account: \$2,650.86
 - iii. NOW Regular Checking Account: \$34,290.81
 - iv. Altar Society CD: \$1,414.15
- I. Provide for **communications**, coordination, and cooperation among the parish members and organizations;
- a. Knights of Columbus - no activities, Ruby Run check received for \$400
 - b. Altar Society - no report
- J. Participate in and cooperate with **regional and diocesan decisions** pertaining to parish life.
- a. Archbishop's Visit - September 24
 - i. Topics to share about: Conversion, Catholic Education, Evangelization, Serving Those in Need Stewardship,
 - ii. How are we implementing the 2011 study?
 1. stewardship committee -- sign ups and stewardship prayer (allowed for others to participate in ministries) Wayne agreed to report on this.
 2. Work together in Four parishes
- K. Report from Father
- a. Archbishop's Visit
- L. Next Meeting Date: **Wednesday, October 18th at 7:30 p.m.** Location TBD
- M. Upcoming Events
- a. September 24: Archbishop Pastoral Visit - 10:30am Mass in Burlington
 - b. October 14: St. Teresa's Feast Dinner
 - c. October 21: St. Patrick's Oktoberfest
 - d. October 22: St. Joseph Hayrack Ride and Pumpkins
 - e. October 28: St. Teresa Trunk or Treat

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