

# St. Joseph Waverly - Pastoral Council 11.15.17 Minutes

The parish council met on Wednesday, November, 15, 2017 at 7:30pm at St. Joseph Parish Hall.

Attendees included John Lichtenauer, Jackie Klenda, Terry Arb, Kevin Thimmesh, Liz Collins, and Fr. Quentin Schmitz. Members not in attendance were Wayne Blackbourn, 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. A parishioner approached John about locking the church during mass, per a recent happening in a Texas church. The council voted to leave the door unlocked.
  
- B. The **education** of adults and youth in the faith;
  - a. CCD students presented about saints this past Sunday.
  - b. Father is offering Adult Formation/RCIA will start in December. He is inviting parishioners to attend and learn or come and present. There will probably be 10 weeks of classes.
  - c. NCYC left today. Lindsay asked for \$360 to pay for meals for the five students. Father stated that the grant money received is meant to pay for events such as this one. Kevin proposed the parish reimburse Lindsay for her expenses for attending when she returns. The motion passed.
  - d. Jackie asked about another St. Joseph hosted book study. The council recommended waiting until after efforts have been determined for the Everyday in Love Marriage Project in January - February.
  - e. Jackie connected with Angie Bittner of Rural Youth Outreach via zoom. Angie is interested in helping increase presence at educational events digitally, by persons gathering in a parishioner's home until the necessary hardware is setup for video conferencing in the parish halls.
  
- C. The fostering and nurturing of "**community**" in the parish;
  
- D. The **evangelization** of the non-participative Catholics in the parish and the unchurched;
  - a. Legion of Mary is sending out invitations to Christmas masses
  - b. Father is looking at \$1 books to give out at Christmas, probably a Scott Hahn one
  
- E. Witnessing to the Gospel of **social justice** in one's community through service;
  - a. CCD is going to make and send Christmas cards & have a Winter White Tree to give socks, undergarments to Catholic Charities on December 13
  
- 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. Archdiocesan requirements for hall rental: Liability insurance is asking \$95 for every time the hall is rented for a non-parish function. The current charge is \$25 for a parishioner, \$50 for non-parishioners. The council moved and passed to change the rental fee to \$95 for parishioners and \$125 for non-parishioners.
  - b. Renovation Update: After a few failed attempts to meet the carpenter at the church for an estimate, Kevin is asking another contractor doing work in the area to visit the church next week and provide a quote for carpentry work and vinyl siding.

- c. Insurance update: Kevin followed up with the adjuster to dispute the claim. The claim continues to be open until more information is available.
    - i. \$12,500 worth of damage, recommend replace siding on north and south walls of church; \$2,000 depreciation value; \$500 deductible
  - d. Ministry signups are taking place now
- G. Be responsible with the pastor for the **pastoral planning** of the parish, including **ecumenical** activities;
- a. Jackie brought folders for everyone of the copies of handouts emphasized at the four councils meetings last month so we all can take them to prayer to generate new ideas.
- H. Review, evaluate, and make recommendations to the pastor and the parish finance council concerning the **funding of the parish programs**;
- I. Provide for **communications**, coordination, and cooperation among the parish members and organizations;
- a. Knights of Columbus
  - b. Altar Society
    - i. Kevin asked if Denise could purchase some new flowers/vases for liturgical decorations.
- J. Participate in and cooperate with **regional and diocesan decisions** pertaining to parish life.
- a. NCYC - happening now
  - b. Men's Retreat - Nov. 18 Sacred Heart Ottawa 9-3; free will donation
- K. Report from Father
- a. Father will contact Finance Council members
- L. Next Meeting Date: ***Wednesday, January 17th at 7:30 p.m.***
- M. Upcoming Events
- a. December 9: Christmas Program at St. Patrick
  - b. December 16: Christmas Program at St. Teresa

Closing Prayer/Adjourn - Father closed the meeting with a Glory Be.