

St. Joseph Waverly - Pastoral Council 4.5.18 Minutes

The parish council met on Thursday, April, 5, 2018 at 7:30pm at St. Joseph Parish Hall.

Attendees included John Lichtenauer, Jackie Klenda, Terry Arb, Kevin Thimmesh, Theresa Biggs, and Fr.

Quentin Schmitz. Members not in attendance were Wayne Blackbourn, Liz Collins, Doug Henry and Emily Piper.

Opening Prayer was led by Father. .

- A. The **spiritual formation** and growth of the people of the parish in **liturgical** celebrations;
 - a. Explanatory Masses on Fridays during Lent, which helped the fish fries also.

- B. The **education** of adults and youth in the faith;
 - a. VBS July 8-12, Totus Tuus July 22-27. TT coincides with Coffee County Fair week, and thus it may be hosted at Westphalia this year.
 - b. Legion of Mary is going to head up a Dynamic Bible 4- weeks summer, 5 weeks during fall
 - a. Start a St. Joseph Parish Library of books and movies. Shirley and Liz are going to try to find a cabinet or shelves to organize the books in the back of the church.

- C. The fostering and nurturing of “**community**” in the parish;
 - a. Hospitality on 4.8.18 - volunteers needed starting in October.
 - b. Family Lake Day - initiative from four councils meeting, Terry is on this ad hoc committee with Jerri Krause, Margie Highberger and Joan Gagnon. The outlet shelter house has been reserved (\$20) at Melvern Lake on August 26th (weekend before Labor Day); more details to be determined.

- 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. Community service (mini Prayer & Action) within each of the four parishes - an initiative from the last four parish councils meeting. Jackie is on this ad hoc committee with Dave Freeman, Glen Gagon, Terry Schillig & Frank Tastove - have not met yet

- 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. Renovation Update
 - i. Siding: paid the first 30% (\$14,578.06) due at signing for the siding upgrade project. An additional 30% will be due at startup; final payment due upon completion. (\$22,000 of the \$48,000 is covered by insurance.)
 - ii. Father verified and got the contract signed or approved through the Archdiocese. (Necessary for any projects over \$25,000)
 - iii. They may start here in about two weeks.
 - iv. The Archdiocese is going to roll out a capital campaign that includes a project in each parish. We may wait until this happens to make an ask for supporting the siding project.
 - 1. Project to include: adding a bathroom to the church or obtaining module classrooms for CCD use.

2. Is it possible to use school classrooms for CCD classes? If we pursue this option, we need to determine details for an exchange agreement of use of parish hall. Liz will be willing to ask if/when we come to this.
- G. Be responsible with the pastor for the **pastoral planning** of the parish, including **ecumenical** activities;
- a. Ideas generated from Archbishop's priorities as emphasized at four councils meeting - 10-year Mutually Shared Vision was updated for 2018
 - b. Ecumenical service at nursing home. This would probably best be something during the day or in the afternoon. (They eat at 5:00pm)
- H. Review, evaluate, and make recommendations to the pastor and the parish finance council concerning the **funding of the parish programs**;
- a. Financial Report

Cemetery Checking Acct = \$31,643.74
Altar Society Checking = \$4,234.37
NOW Account = \$37,446.83
 - b. Looking for new bookkeeper. Father is looking at hiring somebody for about 20 hours and ask them to do the books for the three external parishes. Also looking into switching to ParishSoft for accounting software.
- I. Provide for **communications**, coordination, and cooperation among the parish members and organizations;
- a. Knights of Columbus - Had a work day the day before Palm Sunday to clean up the landscaping.
 - b. Altar Society - did not meet last month
- J. Participate in and cooperate with **regional and diocesan decisions** pertaining to parish life.
- a. Runnin Revs - April 23 @ Hayden - Father will invite a couple of youth to play.
 - b. Family Day at PSR - May 6th
- K. Next Meeting Date: May 9th 6:30 pm or right after Mass
- L. Upcoming Events
- a. First Communion - April 29th
- M. Report from Father
- a. Mass Times -- what are your thoughts? Stay two and two or one and three? (5pm, 8, 9:30, 11) No decision is being made yet, as Father really wanted to get a feel for what we are open to. *Are young families more likely to attend a 8:00am Mass on Sunday or at 6:30pm on Saturday?* This is the feedback Father really wants. *If* a change happens, it won't be until July.

Closing Prayer/Adjourn - Father closed the meeting with a Glory Be. St. Joseph, pray for us.