

St. Joseph Waverly - Pastoral Council 1.24.18 Minutes

The parish council met on Wednesday, January, 24, 2017 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. Father is going to do a description of the mass parts during Lent; Introductory Rite, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist, & one other - a four week series.

- B. The **education** of adults and youth in the faith;
 - a. Father is offering adult faith formation paired with RCIA. Father is still open to volunteers to attend or teach a session occasionally.
 - b. Marriage sessions - 17-18 couples have been registered, and about 11 kids the first two sessions; Valentines Dinner - February 10: SFX 5:30 Mass Saturday evening. St. Joseph is willing to let St. Patrick have the 8:30am Mass Sunday Morning February 11.

- C. The fostering and nurturing of “**community**” in the parish;
 - a. Jackie asked if there was any interest in a Fat Tuesday game night on Tuesday, February 13.
 - b. Lent is about to begin. The Lenten Fish Fries are scheduled as follows: Feb. 9th - St. Francis Xavier; Feb. 16th - St. Joseph; Feb. 23rd - St. Patrick; March 2nd - St. Teresa
 - c. Solemnity of St. Joseph - March 19 falls on a Monday. - The parish will celebrate with a Feast Day breakfast on Sunday, March 18th.
 - i. John will head up biscuits & gravy.
 - ii. Jackie will head up a novena leading up to St. Joseph Feast Day.
 - iii. Terry will look into a St. Joseph trinket or statue for each family Father can bless.
 - d. Since April 1st Sunday is Easter, the April hospitality will be on April 8th instead.

- D. The **evangelization** of the non-participative Catholics in the parish and the unchurched;
 - a. Father suggested a mass mailing to the whole zip code, such as an Easter postcard that explains the parish. Kevin noted that when had done this in the past it cost around \$700.

- E. Witnessing to the Gospel of **social justice** in one’s community through service;
 - a. Soup supper for Birth Right was canceled due to weather. There is hope to still have it; will be a fundraiser if paired with a basketball game, if not simply a parish soup supper.
 - b. A parishioner has proposed creating a blessing box of food. Due to weather extremes, it does not quite seem feasible. An annual push for God’s Store House donations would be a better option.

- 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. Insurance Update: A roof adjuster came today to look.
 - b. Renovation update: Per the bowing of the north wall, if/when the siding comes off, will consider tightening up through the second rod that goes along with choir railing.
 - i. The storage area above/west of the choir is very spider invested. Denise has requested that the room be cleaned, sheet-rocked, and a light added. Kevin will get a quote.

- ii. John is meeting with a guy next week and hopes to get a quote on steel siding, vinyl siding, and stainable metal doors..
 - c. Hall Rental: There are a lot of people upset by the increase in the hall rental fee. John asked if he could talk to the insurance about building size, indicating St. Francis pays the same fee for a much bigger building. Father emphasized the building is owned by the Archdiocese and its purpose is to serve the parish and not to rent a building to the community.

- 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
 - i. Folders with handouts to take to prayer
 - b. 4th Wednesday: Mass will be at the church since there is currently only one Catholic resident. An option is would be to do an ecumenical service (sing praise & worship or bible study) at nursing home, or take the CCD kids down once a semester to spend time with the residents.

- H. Review, evaluate, and make recommendations to the pastor and the parish finance council concerning the **funding of the parish programs**;
 - a. Parish can reimburse expenses of the Christmas Program.
 - b. Financial Report: Approved.
 - i. Cemetery: \$31,643.74
 - ii. Altar Society Checking: \$2,650.86
 - iii. Altar Society CD was cashed and added to Altar Society Checking
 - iv. Regular NOW Checking account: \$41,497.64

- I. Provide for **communications**, coordination, and cooperation among the parish members and organizations;
 - a. Knights of Columbus: Noted that knights should come up and shovel snow before Mass and asked that Wayne send an email out to ask. Father suggested buying some shovels.
 - b. Altar Society: Had a meeting.
 - c. Use flocknote for parish emails (not google groups). Recipients should be able to unsubscribe. Not everyone receives emails from google groups and thus it is ineffective.
 - d. Like the new 4-parish facebook page! facebook.com/sfxsjspst

- J. Participate in and cooperate with **regional and diocesan decisions** pertaining to parish life.
 - a. Jason Evert - February 3, 3-7pm for JrHigh & older and their parents
 - b. JHigh Rally - February 25 at PSR - \$25/person. Parish can use grant money to pay.

- K. Next Meeting Date: February --- four councils meeting - February 21st at SFX at 7:30pm

- L. Upcoming Events
 - a. Waverly hosts Marriage Session on Feb. 4.
 - b. Ash Wednesday - Feb. 14 - CCD is pending on Mass Times. Tentatively masses 6:00pm St. Teresa & 7:30pm St. Francis

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