

St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
April 10, 2017

Attendees: Craig Behm, Pete Cardello, Jon Drexler, Judy Feador, Fr. Joe Mamich, Sam Pingatore, Bob Singerline, David Stavarz, David Smee, Kathy Tiede, Bill Velioniskis

Absent: Brooklynne Eliot, Jason Januszewski

Called to Order: Judy Feador called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and led the group in prayer with special intentions for Sue Haberman.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes from the February meeting were approved as submitted. Sam Pingatore made the motion and was second by Craig Behm.

Commission Reports:

Community Life: Fr. Joe reported that although attendance at the Winter Thaw was down from last year, they were able to raise enough money for one scholarship. It was suggested that World Marriage Day be celebrated at the Chicken Paprikash dinner, which could include a special blessing for married couples attending the dinner. Alcoholic drinks can be served at admission-free parish events. A liquor permit is necessary if there is an admission fee or the drinks are to be sold during the event. Family of Friends and Carpenter events are going well. Reverse raffle is scheduled for July.

Liturgy: Bob Singerline reported that \$31,200 has been raised so far for the organ replacement. The loft is being looked at by an engineer for possible expansion as was suggested by parishioners during the course of this organ project.

Social Concerns: Kathy Tiede reported two ministries have merged their databases. Mike Schneider will continue to serve as Chairperson and Elaine Fetchko will act as coordinator for bulletin announcements.

Spiritual Life: Sam Pingatore commented that forty hours' devotion will be delayed because Father Anthony is leaving. Fifty percent of the attendees participate in Eucharistic Adoration with 60% later in the day. There are five participants in the RCIA program. A discussion followed regarding the Fatima bicentennial and the consecration of the Two Hearts in parishioners' homes. It is good to cultivate participation but it is not a failure if more people do not wish to participate. Marion devotion needs to lead to Christ. The three-day Parish Mission had about 100 people attend each night. The free-will offering was about \$1,300.

Stewardship: Bill Velioniskis reported that Stewardship is in the planning stage of the Joyfully Gifted Program to be held in September. Their next meeting is on the 24th. They will review the mission statement of the commission to reflect the updated parish mission statement.

Youth: David Smee reported the ministry is active in By Teens, For Teens and Rock 36 for the third to sixth graders who colored Easter eggs and collected baskets for special needs children. The Boy Scouts recently participated in the pine box car derby.

Chair and Vice Chair Nominations: Because of the untimely death of Sue Haberman, and after some discernment, David Smee is the new Council Chairman and Craig Behm is the new Vice Chairman.

Discernment for Potential 2017-18 Council Members: A committee of Judy Feador, David Smee, Pete Cardello, and Father Joe will meet with potential candidates on May 8 at 7:00 p.m. Fr. Joe is putting articles in the bulletin with an insert on April 23. Forms are due to the office on May 3. Kathy Tiede replaced Carol Wallington, who resigned in October. Kathy was asked to fill in for another year to replace Sue Haberman's final year on PPC.

Follow up From Last Meeting:

- A discussion followed regarding the alleged solicitation of money from the parishioners via the pulpit or the bulletin. There was a review of the past year's bulletins as well as the present year's and it was decided that the announcement of events did not constitute asking for money. The memorial bricks and organ replacement (supported by Rooted in Faith) are the largest present projects. The parish debt has been reduced in spite of the ongoing projects. It will be paid off by July of 2018.
- How can we reach out to those around us? Even being involved in a small part in the ministries can offer an opportunity to become ambassadors of our parish by developing relationships with people. Father Joe commented that being the chaplain for the city has given him an opportunity to invite members of the safety forces to our parish. Thirty percent of our parishioners attend mass regularly 40 out of 52 weeks; 30% come on holidays such as Easter and Christmas, and 30% do not attend. The greeter program has had a positive effect on parishioners.

Pastor's Remarks:

- Fr. Joe reported that as of January 31, we are \$9,364 ahead of budget for offertory collections, maintenance and repair \$2,937 ahead of budget, with an operating surplus that is \$71,754 ahead of budget.
- Seminarian Dave Stavarz will be returning to the seminary and then back to school for the fall semester. Father Joe thanked him for his support and input. Father Anthony is being reassigned in June. His new assignment is not yet known at this time. Farewell receptions will be held on April 23 for David and June 4 for Fr. Anthony. Fr. Joe's six-year term as pastor is up in September. He is putting in a request to the Bishop asking that he stay at St. Joe's as pastor.
- Fr. Joe discussed the Easter Triduum, from Thursday thru Easter Sunday. Easter vigil Mass is at 9 p.m. and is only 2 hours and 15 minutes long. The attendance the past few years has been low.

Open Forum: Pat Lupica's memory brick will be coming in April 19 and will be installed sometime after that. A collection was taken for Sue Haberman's memory brick. The cost of the brick is \$100. If we collect more than \$100, we will have Mass intentions for Sue.

Judy Feador adjourned the meeting at 8:50. The next meeting is June 12, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Piatak