

Friday, November 6, 2020

St Joseph Catholic Church

Minutes of the Pastoral Council Meeting
November 5, 2020

Present:

Rev. Jason Bonifazi
Fr. Andrew Dinh
Reeta Grimes (Director of Operations for Church and School)
Richard Hanus (Finance Council Co-Chair)
Kris Hagel
Beverly Ogden
Tony Cruz
Dennis Hoffman
Philip Tinker

Opening Prayer 12:05 p.m.
Council Members prayed the “ADSUMAS”.

Old Business

Reeta has “reactivated” the Parish Council email address: pastoralcouncil@stjosephbcs.org

Beverly offered a Catholic reading list for approval and/or comment. Bob Stipanovich recommended the addition of two Scott Hahn books; “Hope To Die”, and “It is Right And Just”. The Council appreciates his suggestions and will include them in the list.

Beverly will write a brief review for each book, laminate it and post it in the gift shop with volumes of each book. She will also submit it to Reeta for inclusion in the bulletin.

Dennis has passed the name and contact information of Council members for the Adoration substitution schedule. The most difficult hours to cover are 1:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. and 3:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. He has supplied the substitution list for hours between midnight to 6:00 a.m. Beverly has unselfishly volunteered her husband, Steve Ogden, to fill in.

Fr. Jason gave an update on The Dynamic Parish program. “Amazing Possibilities” was live streamed at 7:00 p.m. Thursday evening. Fr. Jason said he would be streaming in and invited the Council to also do so.

St. Joseph Church will distribute 1500 copies of the book, “I Heard God Laugh”, at no charge, for Advent through the program. All copies of “Rediscovering Jesus”, have all been distributed.

Because of COVID-19, The Dynamic Parish Program had been paused. In response to this, Matthew Kelly is doing a series of videos, “How To Win Them Back”.

Richard noted that the Dream Event was not well attended. Fr. Jason offered that people are resistant to change. Richard added that he found it interesting and helpful but that the program seemed to appeal to those business oriented.

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Richard Hanus, co-chair of the Finance Council, stated they have written a new budget. It is expected that The CARES Act loan will be forgiven.

Kelly Burt and Mary Jo Hurley are new members of the Finance Council. M Richard Hanus has accepted the position of Chairman.

Marvin Welch has asked to be relieved of accounting duties he has volunteered for a number of years. The Finance Council is very grateful for his service and is looking to hire a replacement.

Revenues had been reduced by 15% in the budget due to COVID-19. Currently donations have increased and St. Joseph is meeting their budget.

By restructuring the outstanding loan, St. Joseph saves money through lower interest costs.

The cost of the new air conditioning unit came out of savings. There is currently a balance in savings for emergencies, however, deferred maintenance is a concern.

Father Jason stated we continue to operate at 50% capacity under the Bishop's recommendations.

The Saturday, 6:00 p.m. Vigil mass continues to have very low attendance while the 7:00 a.m. Sunday mass is very crowded.

The balcony, cry room and chapel are open to prevent over-crowding. Fr. Jason and ushers remind parishioners of these overflow areas.

This weekend will begin the Catholic Service Appeal. Fr. Jason plans on showing a video.

Dennis Hoffman spoke of the need for crash bars on the Church's back (side doors) for safety reasons. Reeta stated she is comparing prices for installation.

Regarding future evening meetings, Dennis explained that Wednesday nights was a conflict for those in Knights of Columbus.

The subject of some type of acknowledgement of Veteran's Day was mentioned but time is a major concern, however, Reeta said she would make a few phone calls and think of something!

Phil suggested a retirement dinner for Monsignor John sometime in June or July.

Terms for Kris Hagel and Beverly Ogden expire in January. Replacements and a Co-Chair will be discussed at January meeting.

Closing Prayer

Fr. Jason closed meeting with prayer and meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Beverly Ogden
Substituting for Lis Soto