

Church of St Joseph Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes May 6th, 2021 - 6:30 pm – Room 101

Attending: Fr Paul Kammen-Pastor, Ann Volkert-Chair, Jon Guden-Vice Chair (Zoom) , Fay Connors, Paul Germann, Mike Vanderheyden, Ron Sailer, John Murphy, Pat Croke, John Wollersheim-Trustee, Randy Haney-Administrator

Opening Prayer:

Pat Croke

Communications with Staff & Updates

Paul Germann – School Gala was a success. Proceeds netted \$3000 over goal. St. Joe’s has a booth at the upcoming Rosemount Home and Business EXPO, Saturday May 8th, promoting the church and school.

Ron Sailer – Bill indicated that mass attendance continues to improve. There is a need for eucharistic ministers. There has been no direction given yet by the archdiocesan worship office regarding the reinstatement of using hymnals.

Randy – Indicated that the audio/visual committee is going through a thorough analysis of what needs to be upgraded throughout the campus. Moving from an analog to a digital system is a priority.

Fay- Mychael indicated that Harvest Fest Planning is getting going and they are focused on an event similar to last years! Excited to add some new ideas and hopeful to have an interest and keep everyone safe and involved at St. Joe’s.

New Business:

Ann – Reported on the latest Lay Advisory Board meeting.

- Singing in mass is now allowed while wearing a mask.
- The archdiocese is working on a plan to help bring people back to mass.
- Over half of all archdiocesan priests have been fully vaccinated.
- “Project Isaiah” within the archdiocese is in the final stages of hiring a COO. The position will help fulfill one of the core missions of the project which is to improve the organizational effectiveness of the Archdiocesan Catholic Center.
- The model currently being used within the Archdiocese regarding “Restorative Justice” involving small group discussions with victims and families of victims is being lauded as a model to be used round the country.
- Work is in process to get the Synod back in motion via small group discussions. Part of the hope is to work through exiting committees within individual parishes around the archdiocese.

Since **Ann’s** term on the Council concludes this year, **Jon Guden** will succeed her on the Council and will assume the role of LAB liaison to the parish.

Parish Pastoral Council Candidate

A candidate has submitted the requisite questionnaire to **Father Paul** for his review and consideration. The council is still in need of one more candidate.

Strategic Planning Update

Jon reported the committee is still in a “holding pattern” and will probably be looking for direction from the upcoming archdiocese synodal small group sessions this fall, and for some guidance from **Father Paul** regarding his priorities.

First Responders Mass

Father Paul has indicated that he wishes to hold a “Thank you” mass for First Responders for all they did in the last year. Father is looking at later this summer or fall.

Youth Minister

The parish is actively looking for a new youth minister candidate.

Father Paul and **Randy** held a listening session with a group of 40-60 teens who were passionate about finding someone to continue to do the work of the previous youth minister. They were very enthusiastic regarding their program experiences.

Budget Update

Randy indicated that he believes the parish will receive an Employee Retention Credit of somewhere between \$2-300,000. When received, most if not all will be used to help replenish the reserve fund.

Solar Panels

The panels are producing electricity. The parish is waiting for the equipment to be brought online that will allow for the real time analysis of how much electricity is being supplied by the panels versus Excel Energy.

Adoration Chapel

The group working on formulating a plan to the creation of the Chapel have not met since March of 2020 due to COVID. They will finally begin meeting again this summer to continue their work.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Prayerfully submitted, Michael Vanderheyden