

Church of St Joseph Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes September 2, 2021 - 6:30 pm – Room 101

Attending: Fr Paul Kammen-Pastor, Jon Guden-Chair, Mike Vanderheyden, Ron Sailer, Randy Haney-Administrator, Patricia Cina, Brian Hoyland, Paul Germann

Excused: John Murphy, Pat Croke,

Opening Prayer:

Jon Guden

Administrative Business:

Jon Guden

Official welcome to new members Patricia Cina (who attended the June meeting) and Brian Hoyland.

A review of the Constitution and Bylaws indicates that the Council should have a Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. To be in official compliance, there was a need to fill the Vice Chair position. Brian Hoyland has agreed to fill this position.

The dates for meetings for the Council during the 2021-22 Council year were distributed.

Liaison Appointment positions were filled:

Worship – Ron Sailer

Faith Formation – Mike

Pastoral Care and Outreach – Patricia

Communications and Parish Life – Being changed to “Engagement and Communication”

School – Paul

Jon Guden, as Chair of the Council, will continue the tradition of being the liaison between Saint Joseph’s and the Archdiocesan Lay Advisory Board (LAB) and Deanery 8.

Old Business:

Jon Guden-Joan Somes

Joan Somes made a presentation to the Council. She is working closely with Deacon Gordon on preparations for the introduction of the Archdiocesan Synod Small Group Program at Saint Joseph’s. The program will begin in mid-October and run for 6 weeks. Facilitators and Scribes are needed. The program is very set. There are six 2 hour sessions. Each session involves watching a video, having small group discussion, completing a questionnaire, and repeating the process twice during each 2 hour session. The data collected from Saint Joseph participants will be available immediately. The overall archdiocese findings will be available sometime in 2022.

Parishoners will have the option of attending these sessions in the church, as part of an existing small group (Watchmen, Knights of Columbus, Bible Study, Divine Mercy, etc) or in the home, as people are comfortable. People can attend one or all of the 6 sessions, although the preference is that people would attend all six.

The Strategic Planning Committee has invited consultant Mark Mogilka to help in the development of the new strategic plan for the parish. This will be a collaborative effort involving information compiled

from the Synod, a parish survey being distributed during all masses the weekend of September 11-12th, interviews he conducts during the week of September 6th with church staff.

Volunteers from the Council agreed to make sure surveys were distributed to pews prior to masses and picked up and dropped off in the office after each. Jon Guden will pick them up and compile the information.

New Business:

Jon Guden

The overall goal for the Council this year will be the completion of the Strategic Plan; completion of another successful Harvest Festival; and, recognition events surrounding 2021 as the year of St. Joseph in the church.

There may be additional goals added.

Parish and Financial Updates:

**Randy Haney
Father Paul**

Plans are being developed for recognition of this being the year of St. Joseph. Unfortunately, neither bishop is available for a celebratory mass as originally hoped.

Church finances for the 2020-21 fiscal year were very good only because of the infusion of COVID related funds and grants. Had they not been available the church would have operated at about a break-even pace against revenues received. The excess funds were used to replenish reserve accounts that had experienced depletions in recent years.

The 2021-22 fiscal year may be more challenging since there is no anticipation of those same COVID funds being received.

Closing Prayer:

Jon Guden