

St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)
Rosemount, Minnesota
Meeting Minutes
September 8th, 2022
6:30 pm

Attending: Fr Paul Kammen-Pastor, Jon Guden-Chair, Ron Sailer, Mike Vanderheyden, Patricia Cina, Dan Wells, Aleksandra Spiess, Brian Hoyland
Excused: Randy Haney, John Wollersheim-Trustee

1. Opening Prayer

Jon Guden

2. Administrative Matters

A change to the 2022-23 Council meeting dates was made in April 2023 due to the original date being during holy week.

The amended Council Meeting Dates for the 2022-23 year will be:

September 8th, 2022

October 6th, 2022

November 3rd, 2022

December 1st, 2022

January 5th, 2023

February 2nd, 2023

March 2nd, 2023

April 13th, 2023

May 4th, 2023

June 1st, 2023

Photos of the new 2022-23 council were taken.

3. Strategic Plan Update

It was hoped that over the summer Randy would have time to meet with all staff to finalize a draft for the overall strategic plan. However, remodeling efforts for the school to accommodate increased enrollment took priority, so this was not completed. It is hoped that by the October meeting the draft will be ready. It is believed that several elements of the plan are already operationalized, which would be good news. Once approved, there will need to be a determination of how to communicate the plan to the parish membership. The council expressed concern that this entire process is taking much longer than desired as there was a feeling that parishioners will find that either our plan is becoming more obsolete as time goes on, or the perception will be that we spent significant effort and time but no results were ever arrived at.

4. Archdiocesan Synod Update

After several years of meeting in various ways with numerous stakeholders within the archdiocese about priorities for moving the church forward, the archbishop will release

his pastoral letter in November outlining his plan. Current information can be found at <https://www.archspm.org/synod/>

5. Parish and Financial Updates

Worship

Ron made an observational statement that more musicians appear to be coming back to participate in masses since COVID, which is very welcome.

Faith Formation

Updates:

Family Formation & Sacramental Preparation Registrations are going well - slightly ahead of where we were last year for numbers

Current numbers are 195 Families / 341 Youth

Many Families are registered for Wed (vs the Sat) option of Family Formation

Currently a WAIT LIST / HOLD for more registrations for Wed (families can do Sat or ultimately opt to do a full home taught model)

- CGS has a WAIT List for Sunday at 10:30am; Wednesday at 6:00pm
- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Spread the word, especially to empty nesters, grandparents, young adults, etc. (ideally people who do NOT have youth in the program so parents can partake in the parent portion of Family Formation - Help needed - spread the word and have people reach out to me to learn more (only a 90 min commitment 1x a month - so VERY minimal commitment)
- Opening Mass is Catechetical Sunday, September 18th at 10:30am Mass
- First actual Family Formation meeting is Oct 5 / Oct 8

Pastoral Care

Deacon Gordon continues to provide updates via email.

Engagement and Communication

Dan reported that the nursery for 10:30am Sunday mass is looking for both a program coordinator and an assistant coordinator before they open it up.

The church has applied to receive new resident information when utility turn on results are received in Rosemount. They will receive a welcome email, welcome card and information about St. Joe's.

School

Ola reported that the school has the highest enrollment in its history. Over 300.

There are 67 pre-school students in 3 classes. This usually translates into continued enrollment in future years.

Three new classrooms were opened this year. A multi-age preschool room; new 4th and new 5th grade rooms as well.

A second section of 1st grade which brings kindergarten, 1st each having 2 classes; and 1 class each for grades 2-8.

6. New Business

Leprechaun Days – The Catholic Watchmen group had a table/kneeler and literature along with giveaways which went quickly.

The Catholic Watchmen group is adding 2-3 Saturday morning breakfast programs to the normal 1x/month Tuesday evening programs this year. All are invited. It is titled “Faith and Eggs”. Brian Hoyland will be the first keynote speaker.

There is an Archdiocesan Pro-Life event at Lumen Christi in St. Paul on October 1st.

There is an archdiocesan Prison Ministry event October 21st-22nd.

The Catechetical Institute class of St. Michael the Archangel starts this month. With St. Joseph’s serving as a satellite site for the two-year program.

Harvest Fest is right around the corner.

Closing Prayer

Jon Guden

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Vanderheyden