**PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

**April 23, 2024**

**Present:** Fr. John, Fr. Christian, Fr. Homero, Jason Nord, Maggie Schneider, Jason Messmer, Luke Messmer, Richard Kunkel, Tracie Ihle, Lynn Scheu, Christine Brinkman

**Absent:** Fr. Darnis, Pam Freyberger, Tammy Mehringer, Dan Fritch, Irma Alanis, Sarah Kasprzak

The 7:00 pm meeting was called to order by Jason Nord.

**Opening Prayer –** Fr. John led us in prayer.

Lynn Scheu made a motion to approve the March 2024 Parish Council minutes. Jason Messmer made a second motion. All were in favor of approval.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Storybook of renovation update – Tracie – Fr. John and Tracie met with Bob. A slide show will be put on thumb drive, copies will be put in archives, and physical book will be made as well. Considering making slideshow available via web link.
2. Social media account/marketing manager progress – Dan/Fr. John – 2 applicants. 1 is bilingual, but hiring has been put on hold for right now per Fr. John.
3. Men’s organization update – Fr. John – meeting was held last night (4/22/24). Tailgate will be happening May 10 before Southridge vs Jasper baseball game. Will run until game starts.
   1. Upcoming events – 1st Communion practice night, Graduation Mass (May 18) night - will be grilling for both events and looking for more help. Will start grilling around 4 pm.
4. English/Spanish Classes – Fr. John – date needs to be set and invite people to attend
   1. Looking for more volunteers
5. Chapel dedication to Mother Théodore Guérin – Fr. John – removing a pew and doing some cleaning and rearranging
   1. Tentatively looking at June dedication – Sisters are planning on coming
6. Stewardship program – Fr. John – still working on this. Social media/marketing manager could be responsible for this.
7. Mass Schedule for Easter – Fr. John – Easter Vigil was well attended. Mass was bilingual. Thank you to the many volunteers who made it possible.
   1. Reflection/Feedback
8. Upstairs Speakers in Church – Fr. John/Dan – confirmed May installation. Electronic piano in choir loft will be installed as well.
   1. May installation
9. Fees Charged for Weddings Vote (parishioner vs non-parishioner) – Fr. John – Currently a quinceanera is a $50 charge for parishioners and $100 for non-parishioners. Will move to $150 for parishioner and $300 for non-parishioners. Jason Messmer 1st motion to approve and Fr. Homero 2nd. All in favor. Motion approved.
   1. All weddings/birthday parties/events
10. Guadalupe Statue Fund Raiser – Fr. John – goal is to have it finished by December 12 (Feast of Guadalupe)
    1. April 27/28 weekend mass presentation by Kyle
    2. Location decided – south side of church

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Men’s Welcome Weekend Continuation Committee – Jason/Fr. John – Fr. John is working with Kent Reyling
2. Catholic Magazine – Fr. John – Jenny Cook has been trying to get this going. Fr. John to have some upcoming meetings regarding this. Will be sent out to all Catholics like The Message currently.
3. Job Posting for Organist/Music Ministry – Fr. John – Fr. John posted for an organist on a nationwide website after an unsuccessful local search. 2 resumes have been submitted at this time. Will evaluate for music director in this applicant.
4. July 20 Bus Trip Planned – Fr. John – Julie has published in bulletin – up to 30 people going to Eucharistic Congress (cost $125/ticket + food)

**Commission Updates:** (top points from each commission lasting 5 minutes or less)

Finance – Dan – no update at this time due to not meeting

Evangelization & Outreach – Lynn – May crowing coming up, Corpus Christy before 4:30 pm mass on June 1 (mass will be bilingual), Book Club in a Pub will be next Tuesday, April 30. Next BINGO is May 13 @ The Timbers – donations for prizes can be given to a box in the parish center.

Spiritual Life – Tracie – Fr. Christian is doing Catechism 101 on school schedule starting this fall, 1st Communion is first weekend in May, May 18 is senior mass

Community Life – Sarah – Mother’s Day breakfast so far sold 30 tickets, Mother’s Day flowers will be done, looking for volunteers for Coffee and Conversation on June 9, Art class – only 3 people signed up, Girls Night Out (October 21), Senior Dinner (September 28), Green bags with St. Joe’s logo for Strassenfest Parade

Latino – Irma – Will be a pupusa sale in Huntingburg for a young man from Jasper that passed away recently. Will be selling from 7 am until sold out on Saturday April 27. Men’s and women’s retreats are coming up. 3 new Eucharistic Minister have been trained. 3 kids have been trained as servers. 1 lector has been trained for mass.

\*\*Church picnic will be Sunday, June 2\*\* - Fr. Homero has a DJ coming for the picnic (bilingual)

**CLOSING PRAYER – Fr. Christian**

MEMBERS: Jason Nord, Luke Messmer, Maggie Schneider, Jason Messmer, Christine Brinkman, Richard Kunkel

COMMISSION CHAIRS: Dan Fritch, Lynn Scheu, Sarah Kasprzak, Tracie Ihle, Irma Alanis

STAFF MEMBERS: Fr. John Brosmer, Fr. Homero Rodriguez, Fr. Christian Raab, Fr. Darnis, Pam Freyberger, Tammy Mehringer, Tracie Ihle.

**\*\* Tuesday, May 28th @ 7 PM will be the next meeting \*\***