**PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

**July 25, 2023**

**Present:** Fr. John, Fr. Christian, Fr. Darnis, Van Ziegler, Maggie Schneider, Jason Messmer, Sarah Kasprzak, Irma Alanis, Dan Fritch, Andrew Luke (Vice Chair for Tracie Ihle), Tammy Mehringer, Pam Freyberger, Beth Riffel (Vice Chair for Lynn Scheu)

**Absent:** Fr. Homero, Luke Messmer, Jason Nord, Tim Bell,

The 7:00 pm meeting was called to order by Van Ziegler after dinner and a presentation on the church renovation by Alan Hoffman. Thank you, Sarah, for organizing the dinner event!

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

The June 2023 Parish Council meeting minutes could not be approved due to 2/3 of the voting members not present. Minutes will be approved at the August meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Safety & AED Training – Fr. John/Tammy – waiting on hospital to have someone available
   1. Opening mid-August and a hospital member will come to St. Joe’s for staff training
2. Storybook of renovation – Dan – all pictures have been collected
   1. Alan has someone who is interested
   2. Fr. John said Bob Acton and Tim Bell are interested in helping
   3. Dan will create a small committee of these people to get the storybook complete
3. Who will be walking in Strassenfest parade with float? – Sarah
   1. The float is READY!! Thank you to Alan Schneider for the construction.
   2. Currently it is being stored in Ireland and will be deconstructed to drive to church then reconstrued and pews added for parade
   3. Everyone is invited to walk! Will post position in line on Facebook.
   4. Opportunity for parishioners to walk will be announced at start of all weekend masses
   5. Will have letter openers and candy to pass out
4. Social media account manager update – Dan
   1. Ashley is the director of HR for Evansville diocese and reports 3 other parishes have this position
   2. Costs of FT/PT were provided
   3. Job description was given
   4. More info to follow

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Update to constitution – Van (5 minutes) – will vote next month when we have forum
   1. Current strategic plan needs updated…lastly done 2020
   2. “Ownership” is too strong of a word, so we need an alternative.
   3. Considering:
      1. “Parish Council chair and Pastor has the responsibility to oversee and manage the Parish Council as it relates to the Strategic Plan”
      2. “promotes and maintains”
      3. “helps execute”
   4. Looking to change Section 3. The President shall have the following duties: (has list items A., B., and C. Proposing only editing letter C.)
      1. Currently says: To own the overall Strategic Plan for Saint Joseph Church
      2. Proposed Change: Have ownership of the Strategic Plan for Saint Joseph Church
2. 3 question response discussion – Jason (10 minutes) – what are things that are not going to happen. What are the “low hanging fruit” we can do quickly that has an impact on the people’s perception that we are doing things. \*5 most significant things we can do that have the biggest impact? #1, #3, #5, #10
   1. Lightening round – what’s most important (see the 20 listed points in email document)
      1. #1: We need to know what to do to contact a priest in emergencies/times of crisis
      2. #3: Communication of volunteer opportunities – reach out to more people to ask them to volunteer rather than the same people being asked frequently
      3. #5: Only 1 song at communion to give more quiet time for prayer
      4. #10: Need a board for the song numbers, some of us are hard of hearing
3. How do commissions document/organize events – Dan (10 minutes)
   1. As commissions are doing new events, document them so when new people come along, they know what is going on and when to do it
   2. Document number of people, and all details - do electronic version of this so it is stored for everyone
   3. Need commissions to meet once a quarter - \*next month at meeting set the quarterly dates for commissions
4. Website homepage picture – Van (5 minutes) – it’s changed now!!
5. Used audio gear – should we advertise in the bulletin? – Dan (5 minutes)
   1. Up for ideas on what to do with old gear we had - all still work
   2. Advertise in bulletin the what doesn’t get sold to parishioners advertise on Facebook marketplace, WITZ and barter page

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| **Item** | **Model** | **Part #** | **Qty** | **Estimated Value** |
| Bose Speakers | Model 25 | 178100 | 31 | $        25.00 ea |
| Bose Speakers | Model 32SE | 254430 | 2 | $        25.00 ea |
| Toshiba DVD Player/Monitor | n/a | n/a | 1 | $        50.00 |
| Audio-Technica Monitor Headphones | ATH-M30X | n/a | 1 | $               - |
| Vaddio Camera | n/a | 999-6900-000 | 1 | Keep for spare |
| JVC BLU-RAY DISC & HDD RECORDER | n/a | SR-HD1250US | 1 | $        50.00 |
| Panasonic Supercam Camera | AG-DP800H | n/a | 1 | $      600.00 |
| Tripod | T40 |  | 1 | $        75.00 |

1. Additions during meeting:
   1. Nominations for Brute Society award are being submitted – will vote next month
   2. Names have been collected for Parish Council nomination – voting will be coming in August

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, August 29, 2023 at 7:00 pm** in Room 303.

**COMMISSION REPORTS** (Now sent by email report. Copy and pasted directly under commission name):

**Finance:** *Dan Fritch* – Commission did not meet in July.

**Parish Spiritual Life:** *Tracie Ihle* – Prayer led by Pam New Business

Spiritual Life Meeting notes July 24, 2023

Adult Formation Opportunities Fall and Spring Fr. Christian spoke on a few ideas

Book Study  
Quarterly Book Club (checking with Oink to see if we can use their space on a Monday or Tuesday. “Quarterly Book Club in a Pub)

Book ideas  
This is my Body

Song of Nagasaki Father Ed  
Into the Deep

Lecture Series: Male and Female in Creation Mystery of Creation

Beauty of Being Created

Minimum 2 talks; Maximum 4 talks Monthly “Godcast” Podcast

Pick a podcast  
Send it out  
Come together and discuss it.

Eucharistic Renewal Year 2 in Parish

Quiet on Kundek  
Radio commercial

Anna Buechler – social media image

Tik Tok/Reel for social media- Grace Soellner Speakers on Friday evenings

Kimberly Baker? Candlelight With Youth

All Souls Day is on a Thursday

St. Lucy’s feast day- Candlelight mass Schedules

September 6th- Catechist night of prayer Pray for the students and family

Thursdays - First reconciliation and First communion Using the Signs of Grace books with family formation

Little Flowers and Blue Knights Every other Wednesday

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
Two-week summer program may be an option

One more for Level 1 then build to level 2 Rock Your Faith

Jimmy is back! VBS 2024

Into the Wilderness- Sacraments - Catchat Closing prayer by Pam

Next meeting September 18, 2024 at 7:15PM room 306

**Parish Community Life:** *Sarah Kasprzak* - Parish Community Life

Update 7.25.23

Meeting 7.24.23 - Updates from month…

Coffee and Conversation – on Plaza. July 9. Well attended. No food was left over. Was difficult carrying everything back and forth to Plaza. Many trips made.

NEED – Families to walk in parade and hand out candy. Was missed for 2 weeks in bulletin so we are behind with the communication. Did send out by flock notes, but no one has signed up to date. Asked office to please add to announcements before Mass for July 29-30, 2023.

Father Darnis reception. Kathy Schneider has menu planned and organized a group to start preparations on Friday. Kathy also has volunteers to carry food to plaza and to help serve on Saturday. Thank you to Kathy for always being organized and setting up a nice menu for all events.

Group Met at Kathy Schneider shed/garage on 7.24.23 - Float is ready to go. Thanks to Alan Schneider for his construction expertise – We had the idea; Alan constructed so it stays together and upright. Raju Andrews also assisted on the 24th, adding his technical skills to the mix. \*\*\*NOTE – we need all Parish Council to walk or sit - would like members to walk and hand out candy and letter openers. (NEED TO FIND…length of pews and how many will fit on each pew)

NEW MEMBERS BREAKFAST August 27th = Letters going out August 4 RSVP by August 18 – Menu being planned, based on how many attend. There are 80+ families being invited.

SENIOR DINNER September 23rd after 4:30 Mass = at our meeting on 7.24.23 = we prepared mailing. Thanks to Carol Sanders, Sue Seal, Kathy Schneider, Mary Andrews and SMK for stuffing and labeling over 800 letters. ALSO Thanks to Kathy Gutgsell for printing everything for us. Letters to go out August 11/14 – RSVP by September 8th. ADDITION = added special accommodations as an option. Will have dinners available for pick up in the kitchen. Those needing carry out will have to arrange to have someone pick up dinner in kitchen. Will also have gift certificates as prizes.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION August 13th – Alan and Dana Hoffman and family.

MEMORIAL MASS August 13th = Kathy has menu planned. Letters have gone out.

NEXT MEETING August 28, 2023, 6 PM – Kundek Hall.

## **Evangelization & Outreach:** *Lynn Scheu* - Attended:**Beth Riffel, Jason Messmer, Fr. Christian, Lynn Scheu**

## **Opening Prayer –**

## **Meeting New Business**

## **Ø  Eucharistic Renewal Yr 2 - parish action**

## **o    Video send via flocknote – look for more videos to try to share 1/mo.**

## **o   Team do search for videos 3-7 min long.  If too long people may not listen.**

## E&O Goal:  Achieve a Culture of Evangelization

## Promote and Develop spirituality and integrate evangelization in the workplace including the St. Joseph clergy, leaders and staff

## **Ø   No actions at this time.**

## Foster an even deeper sense of prayer among our Catholic people

* Bring your Grands\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to mass.
  + Saturday night mass is taken care of with refreshments due to Fr. Darnis welcome
  + Sunday – coffee & donuts need workers, do this on the plaza.  Luke and Kathryn + Andrew and Autumn Luke covering 9am,  Lynn & Dave can do 6am + Tim and DeeAnn.  Beth & Jon will cover 7:30 mass along with her sister.  Fr. Christian will cover 6pm.
  + Lynn asked Kathy S how many donuts to order for 6, 7:30 and 9, the order.  6pm mass do freeze pops & ice cream cups.  Plan for 50.

## Foster a sense of discipleship among Catholic adults and children

## **Ø  Parish monthly prayer partner – month 2 in process**

* Coffee & Conversation E&O to host Sept 10 7:30 & 9:00.
* Quiet in Kundek – come to church to pray on your way through town, before or after work or school, or any time.  Make it a point to stop by.  Fr Christian and Phil is working on 30 sec web spot.  Do a TikTok spot via Bosco & post something on FaceBook – ask youth & young adults to help with social media campaign.
* Theology on Tap starts in October.  3 speakers lined up for the fall.  Fr. Brian Emick & Fr. Tyler Tenbarge and lady social worker.

**Respect Life:  Subcommittee**

* Plan for spiritual adoption – Will start in October during Respect Life month.  Will have monthly bulletin announcements.  Will introduce 2-4 wks prior.  Will talk about 1-2 weeks before & give video.  Will have papers in pew for sign up and put in offering as well as on line sign up.  Will have posters on easels in back of church.  Will plan parish birthday celebration in July & stress the need to support post-delivery care.  Not sure if we couple this with “Grands” celebration or do it separately.
* Euthanasia & physician assisted suicide (MAID)  (speakers)
  + What is it and why is it not a good (humane) thing.
  + State & Federal law – what’s coming
  + Hospice care view - capabilities
  + Firsthand experience with suffering view
  + Physician point of view
  + End of Life issues, elderly, ill
  + What can you do to help?
* Trotter house – Training for volunteers underway.  Site is nearing completion. [www.trotterhouselfc.org](http://www.trotterhouselfc.org)
* Human Trafficking prevention and recovery.  How can we make a difference?  (speaker)

## Awaken, equip and empower our active Catholic members to exercise their baptismal call to evangelize

## **Ø  1st step build relationships – golf outing – Tim is not here for update**

* Trip planning – Sue Williams & Sara Fritch are signed up open discussion – ask for help identifying place assoc with Eucharist – still outstanding action for Lynn
* Corpus Christi procession – 2024 planning – still outstanding for Fr. Christian
* 99 Class – ?

## Corporal Works of Mercy

## **Ø  Timbers Bingo 8/14  Lynn requested bulletin announcement**

## **Ø  Cathedral Bingo 10/9.**

## **Ø  DCCM –  notification sent, shut down until volunteers can be found.**

* Helping Hands ministry  - meeting with Nicole Hulsman July 26th at 1pm

**Upcoming Events list:**

**Bingo at Timbers 8/14/2023**

**Evangelization and Outreach meeting 8/17/2023 5:30pm**

## **Action Plan:**

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| **Fr. Christian** | **Discuss Corpus Christi 2024 with area priests** | **6/19 wk** |
| **Lynn** | **Set up meeting on trip associated with Eucharist** | **7/10 wk** |
| **Lynn** | **Call about Helping Hands ministry** | **Mtg 7/26** |

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## **Next meeting:  8/17  5:30pm  room 306**

**Latino:** *Irma Alanis* - meetings are held every 3rd Sunday of the month. With questions contact Irma @ irmaalanis\_8@hotmail.com

**Closing Prayer:** Fr. Christian led us in prayer.

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**Submitted by:** Maggie Schneider