

St. Joseph Parish Council Minutes  
Meeting June, 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Members in attendance: Van Ziegler, Patty Brosmer, Ben Schwenk, Tracie Ihle, Lynn Schue, Jason Messmer, Bridgette Bartley

Staff Members present: Fr. Homero Rodriguez, Fr. Andrew Thomas, Jane Gehlhausen

Opening Prayer was led by Van Ziegler. Joining our meeting were Tammy Mehringer and Tom Betz to present budget.

New Business: Tammy Mehringer and Tom Betz presented to the board the budget for 2021-2022 year. The board reviewed the budget and a motion was made by Jason Messmer, with a second given by Patty Brosmer to approve the budget as presented. The Parish Council all in favor approved the proposed budget for 2021-2022.

Van informed the all present that the Evansville Philharmonic would be performing the Messiah on Saturday December 18<sup>th</sup>, a donor was covering the cost. He also mentioned that the Philharmonic are excited for us, about the renovation taking place and cannot wait for 2022 to see and perform.

Old Business: Renovation renditions of the interior were on display to give an idea of how the church would look when complete. Of course all this would be affected by lighting. All were in agreement it would look great.

Update with the pews, we will be keeping the ends and having new seats and backs made and them recapped with existing ends. Discussion of what we should do with the backs and seats that being replaced? Make crosses to: give to new parishioners as welcoming gifts? Sell and put all money towards "Our Time" campaign? Sell just the seats and backs and not make crosses? We will continue to look at options, the board liked the idea of the crosses, but more discussion will be had to confirm someone to make and costs, etc.

Capital Campaign is almost at \$8.5 million. Jane updated the Council that they are trying to get the letters and terms finished by September. This would be follow ups to those who have not given. There was also the discussion of the name boards for the hallway should we have names with amounts or just names?

Council elections are in August, there is one person interested.

Church covid guidelines are still in effect, with fewer people wearing masks to mass, thus the designated area has gotten smaller.

Looking into having a guest speaker to talk about estate planning.

Polka Mass will be held at 4:30 mass on Saturday of Strassenfest weekend and the German Heritage mass will be at 9:30am on Sunday morning.

Commission Reports: Van read the Finance Commission update for Dan Fritch who could not be in attendance, CPC is set for late September, and we will have an increase of approximately \$3000.00.

Tracie Ihle informed us that TOTUS went great and the Parish Spiritual Life Commission was excited and getting ready for ROCK YOUR FAITH starting next week.

Evangelization & Outreach, Lynn Scheu said they met on June 10<sup>th</sup>, discussion was based around what to work on for small groups.

We are waiting to hear from 3 different people who were asked about taking over the Parish Community Life Commission. The senior luncheon is set for Sunday July 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:15am with catered chicken meals afterwards.

Fr. Homero, updated us on the Latino Commission, they had a great turn out for the men's Cursillo with 8 men from St. Joe's attending and the women's was coming up with 10 women from St. Joe's attending.

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Success Stories: Choir is singing again, Tracy's dad treatments are going well, Patty's Uncle margins came back clear for pancreatic cancer. Praising GOD for his healing hands.

Microsoft 365 is coming along soon.

Next meeting is Tuesday July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 7:00pm.

Closing prayer lead by Fr. Andrew.