**PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

**June 27, 2023**

**Present:** Fr. John, Fr. Christian, Van Ziegler, Jason Nord, Maggie Schneider, Luke Messmer, Jason Messmer, Sarah Kasprzak, Irma Alanis, Dan Fritch, Tracie Ihle, Tammy Mehringer,

**Absent:** Fr. Homero, Tim Bell, Lynn Scheu, Pam Freyberger

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

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

Sarah Kasprzak made a motion to approve the May 2023 Parish Council minutes. Jason Nord seconded the motion. All were in favor of approval.

\*\*Usher Program Update from Scott Brandt:

1. Why do ushers do things differently every mass?
   1. Right after Covid, Mike H held usher training. Within 2-3 weeks the training directions were no longer being followed again. Each mass the ushers were still getting people to communion and collecting money. This was the common goal and it was being accomplished. It was decided that if it’s working, then let it be.
   2. At 4:30 PM mass on Saturday, would like ushers to knee at alter before communion.
2. Do we have an usher schedule?
   1. Schedules for ushers are not made at this time. A list of people needs to be made for each mass and when someone can’t make it, there needs to be coverage found.
3. Everyone is welcome to pass out bulletins. Any kids who want to help need to be sent to the back of church at the end of mass.
4. Looking at family of the week to welcome people to mass.
5. Scott’s main concerns:
   1. Need people to fill in
   2. Consistency: let each mass do what works for them
   3. Get first aid training/AED use
   4. Panic button locations

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Details on current status on upcoming parish council elections – has been listed in bulletin last 3 weekends. Deadline is July 8. Plan to have candidates published July 29/30 and August 5/6 with voting on August 12/14. August council meeting will be the first meeting new member attends.
2. Has everyone who signed up during ministry fair been contacted – yes all up to date
3. Individual for creating storybook of renovation – a few individuals have been contacted, but this is still a work in progress
4. Update regarding progress on Strassenfest parade float – Sarah Kasprzak presented the float idea that consists of a trailer with doors and 2 pews back to back for people to sit on with a banner on side. Will be distributing candy/St. Joe swag.
5. Target date for meeting of commissions to plan next ministry fair – Has not happened yet. Fr. John to send out a meeting email and get it organized.
6. Social media account manager – Dan Fritch reports no update yet on this matter.
7. Final budget approval – Dan Fritch reports no additional changes to proposed fiscal budget from last month. Per Fr. John we need to have an upped weekly giving for next year. Motion to approve final budget for the year: 1st: Dan Fritch 2nd: Jason Nord.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Picnic Update – We had a very successful year. The net profit was $69,030.15, which is $450 better than last year. Things cited that could be done better: Have directions, AC dining, and bring soup back.
   1. May need to spend $2k-3K for additional speakers during picnic.
   2. $801,693.09 on improvements around church over the years solely from revenue from picnics.
2. New members since Covid need to be welcomed - Since Covid through December 2022 there have been 84 new family join St. Joe’s as members. This is 200+ new individuals.
   1. We need to welcome these individuals, so they do not get lost.
   2. Using the time frame of 01/2020-12/2022.
   3. Will hold a welcome meal once a quarter to keep groups small and not as intimidating.
   4. Would like to include parish council pictures on welcome slide show. Please send Maggie Schneider a picture (selfie) buy July meeting.
3. Appreciation/acknowledgment of Alan Hoffman for leadership of renovation project – Dan Fritch presented the finance meeting idea of recognizing Alan in the booklet being made of reno project. Additionally having the Diocese do something special for Alan. The finance commission will continue to work on finalizing this.
4. Looking for names for possible Deacon candidates – We have a lack of Deacons in this parish. People who are candidates need to be asked if they are interested. Need to make an announcement at the start of the next formation, “did you ever think of becoming a Deacon?”. We need to have “vocations” present at the next ministry fair. Fr. John will find out when next formation starts. The total length of the process is 4-years.
5. After mass activities – Spiritual and Community commission is holding a special event the last weekend in July for grandparent’s day. July 30 snow cones after mass and themed, “bring your grand to church weekend”. Each commission will be responsible for doing an event the 4th Saturday of the month. Will be referred to as: 4th Saturday Social.
   1. July - Evangelization & Outreach
   2. August - Spiritual Life
   3. September - Community Life - Senior Dinner
   4. October - Finance

* **Changing a constitution change chair will still be in charge of strategic plan** 
  + **Each commission will have chair and vice chair**
  + **Spiritual Commission chair: Andrew Luke**

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

**Finance:** *Dan Fritch*

**St. Joseph Church Parish Council Meeting**

**June 2023**

**Finance Commission Report**

**Finance Commission Goal: Ensure Long Term Sustainability**

**Objective: Implement Parish Stewardship Program (Time, Talent, & Treasure)**

**Financial Review (May 2023)**

Budgeted Income $ 1,251,484.99

Actual Income $ 1,650,047.58

Variance $ 398,562.59

\*We have taken a distribution from the Catholic Foundation of $332,161.00 this fiscal year

Budgeted Expenses $ 1,355,641.53

Actual Expenses $ 1,258,637.20

Variance $ 97,004.33

**Sunday Collections YTD**

January 2023 Sunday Collection Year to Date 48 collections $ 1,126,389.70 Weekly Average $ 23,466.45

January 2022 Sunday Collection Year to Date 48 collections $ 1,011,829.63 Weekly Average $ 21,079.78

**Proposed Budget Review**

The final proposed budget was reviewed and will be presented to the Parish Council for approval during the June meeting. Overall increase of $2,000 per week in weekly collections.

**Parish Picnic**

The Parish Picnic was a success. Netted $69,030 after paying $1,700 for a new tent top and pop up tent

**Objective: Address the Holy Trinity support**

No updates currently.

**Objective: Implement effective & efficient parish office staff, systems, & support to support the goals & objective of the strategic plan**

Father Brosmer – we will have an additional priest, Father Darnis – he will start in June

**Objective: Develop the 5–10-year building and grounds plan**

Building and Grounds Subcommittee:

June Meeting Summary

1) Department of Homeland Security conducted an inspection of Parish Center. 5 new issues were

discussed. At the end of the meeting, Pat Gehlhausen gave us a tour of facility to show most

issues were already accomplished and what was yet to be done. Pat said all will be completed

before deadline.

2) Tom Betz brought up that the Cemetery account had some funds available if anyone had any

needs or projects required. Ken Brosmer would be contacted.

3) Open Items:

* We are still waiting on a clock repair quote
* They are receiving bids and reviewing samples on replacing the hallway floors in the Parish Center
* Tree trimming still waiting on work to be completed

Other Discussion:

Interest from the Diocese Deposit and Loan fund will increase from 1.75% to 4.75% starting July 1st. This will be a nice increase in our interest income

Discussed several bequests that we will be receiving – more information to follow

Discussed an appropriate Appreciation/Acknowledgment for Alan Hoffman’s efforts to lead the renovation project. We are looking into several options

No Action Items

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Next Finance Commission Meeting: July 18, 2023

**Parish Spiritual Life:** *Tracie Ihle* – Did not meet in June.

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

Parish Community Life Agenda

June 26, 2023    meeting 6 PM to 7 PM

Opening Prayer

Purpose of our Group – Guide the community of the parish.  This includes welcoming new members, visits to sick, promote a spirit of welcome. (We need a new mission statement – bring samples to July meeting if you have an idea)

Someone to take notes today?

Introductions – Committee.

Committee Reports -  what we have so far.

Bereavement Ministry  - Kathy Schneider

Homebound Ministry  - Rose Rasche

Hospitality Ministry  - John Marks

Coffee and Conversation -  Hosts reserved up to October

Other Committees needed?

UPCOMING EVENTS –

July  9 – Coffee and Conversation.  After 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 Masses.  Will try to have on plaza.  Coffee in the carafes so we don’t need to pull the heavy cart out.    Hostesses = Wednesday LOTW members,  Thursday LOTW Ladies study group.

July 30 –  After 9 AM Mass?  Welcome Reception for Father Darnis (Sarah meeting with Fr. John – Wednesday to review – find out budget)   Kathy – thoughts for food?

August 6 - can all attend?  Strassenfest Parade –   = will need to meet to construct the Doors and Steeple – Kathy,  your shed?   (artists? -  bring extra paint from home.  Need someone to take picture of the front doors,  steeple)

Float Idea – “Our Doors are open to everyone” = thoughts?  Pews on trailer.  (patio umbrella to shield from heat?)

            50 words for our float -  ideas?  Need today.  Theme is ‘Strong roots grow strong towns’

            Candy – purchased    hand outs -  have $450.00 for handouts. Ideas?

            Need -  good artist to draw doors and steeple for the trailer -Kathy has cardboard

August 13 – 1 PM  Memorial Mass, Meal and Memory Sharing of Deceased.

            October 2022 to July 2023 deceased dates.

Who is available to help – Kathy = what time will you need help?    Drinks, Food line, welcome guests.   Make desserts.

September 23 – after 4:30 Mass.  Golden Gathering Senior Dinner.    Music and meal.   Kathy = food?  Table set up?  Small dance floor?  (July Meeting – we will stuff envelopes and prepare for mailing.     RSVP’s to Parish center until Sept 8.

October 7 and 8 – Ministry Fair.  In the planning stage.

New Member Breakfast – upcoming.  (will meet with Fr. John to see what he is wanting)  Fr. John wants to invite those who joined our parish during covid but did not get recognized.  Thoughts?

NEW BUSINESS –  if time allows.

Ideas for Future?

Culture Fair for Winter – thoughts?   What to include.

Mentor for Ministry Program -  Each Eucharist Minister, Reader, Usher, Hospitality (any more) – Sponsor a mentor to add to these groups -  How can we help to get more involved in our parish?  Thoughts?

Senior Group – Monthly Meeting with Potluck Supper.  Have a spiritual based movie or speaker.  Carry in Dinner.  (Get a meat.  Charge $3.00?)  Encourage friendship.  Hope that group will grow to regular gatherings – study groups, outings to local attractions.    Thoughts?

NEXT MEETING – July 24th.   6 PM.  Kundek Hall.

**Evangelization & Outreach:** *Lynn Scheu*

## **Attended:** Beth Riffel, Lynn Scheu, Jason Messmer, Fr Christian,

## Opening Prayer – Fr. Christian led us.

## Meeting New Business

## What ideas d we have for Eucharistic Renewal Yr 2 which is the parish to take action

## Fr. Christian asked if we should consider providing new Robert Barron book “This is my Body”.

## Review SpiritJuice video, link to video: [Bing Videos](https://www.bing.com/videos/riverview/relatedvideo?q=the+veil+removed+youtube&mid=6293CF01BE23714A0D906293CF01BE23714A0D90&FORM=VIRE0&ru=%2fsearch%3fq%3dthe%2bveil%2bremoved%2byoutube%26cvid%3dae22d2a0ee084f5588df7d6cd2daf07f%26aqs%3dedge.2.0j69i57j0l7j69i11004.6182j0j4%26FORM%3dANAB01%26PC%3dU531)

## Pam is looking to speaker Tim Francis on the Eucharist.

## 2024 Corpus Christi – how can we elevate it, make it explosive. (ideas below)

## Research trips related to the Eucharist – ex: St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton

## **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**

## No actions at this time.

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

## Do something for Joakim and Ann – take your grandchild(ren) to church. Last Sunday in July. Blessing for grandparents and grandchildren.

* **Grandparents Day Announcement**

Pope Francis has invited us to celebrate World Day for Grandparents in honor of the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the maternal grandparents of Jesus (July 26). Here at Saint Joseph, we invite grandparents and grandchildren to attend Mass ***together*** the weekend of July 29-30 and receive a special blessing. We are calling it “bring your grand- to church” weekend. If you are a grandparent whose grandchildren won’t be present, you may still receive a special blessing that weekend, but we would like to see as many grandchildren and grandparents attend Mass together as possible.

Consider doing freeze pops Saturday night after mass. Coffee and donuts Sunday. Need to get volunteers.

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

## Parish monthly prayer partner – all feedback. We have heard people have received their notice that they are being prayed for and we have also heard that there have been special requests.

* Coffee & Conversation E&O to host Sept 10 7:30 & 9:00.

**Respect Life: Subcommittee**

* Plan for spiritual adoption starting in August. Mtg w/Pam on this.
* Trotter house – Training for volunteers underway. [www.trotterhouselfc.org](http://www.trotterhouselfc.org)

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

## 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
* Corpus Christi procession – June 10th How did this go? Path worked well. Appx 50 people processed. Work with Choir earlier to prepare. Could we make it multiparish? Saturday night was nice but was warm. Fr Christian will take some of these ideas to other priests. Do we consider doing a shared mass at Cabby O’neil Gym. Consider doing procession around the square.
* 99 Class – ?

## **Corporal Works of Mercy**

## Legacy Bingo 6/12. Mert Birk, Vicki Boehm, Luke, Kathryn & boys, Barb Schmitt, Sarah Kasperzak, Dave Scheu & granddaughter Ellis. We had a great turnout.

## Timbers Bingo 8/14 Lynn put in bulletin

## Cathedral Bingo 10/9.

## DCCM – Prayer service with board and Fr. John. Post will be coming out on Facebook to thank everyone, to communicate status and needs. Mtg Wed 6/21/2023 PC Library

* Helping Hands ministry - Following up.
* Blood Drive – June 25th
* Stephen Ministry – did not get enough to train. Anne meeting with Fr. John to figure out next steps. A Steven minister is visiting Beth’s dad, Jim, and he is such a blessing to her dad.

**Upcoming Events list:**

**DCCM mtg 6/21/23**

**Blood Drive – June 25th**

**Evangelization and Outreach meeting 7/20/2023 5:30pm**

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

## Action Plan:

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| Fr. Christian | Discuss Corpus Christi 2024 with area priests | 6/19 wk |
| Lynn | Put Timbers bingo in bulletin | 7/24 |
| Lynn | Set up meeting on trip associated with Eucharist | 7/10 wk |
| Lynn | Call about Helping Hands ministry | 6/19 |

## Next meeting: 7/20 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.

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 7:00 pm** in Room 303.

**Submitted by:** Maggie Schneider