**PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

**March 29, 2023**

**Present:** Fr. John, Fr. Christian, Fr. Homero, Van Ziegler, Jason Nord, Maggie Schneider, Luke Messmer, Tim Bell, Dan Fritch, Lynn Scheu, Tracie Ihle, Dave Kramer, Tammy Mehringer, Pam Freyberger

**Absent:** Irma Alanis

The 7:00 pm meeting was called to order by Van Ziegler.

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

Lynn Scheu made a motion to approve the February 2022 Parish Council minutes. Dan Fritch seconded the motion. All were in favor of approval.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Flocknote Date for Sign Up**
   1. Sign up information has been in bulletin and will continue to be there
   2. Sign-ups will happen in church after Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday
2. **Brief Commission Chair Ministry Fair Reflection**
   1. Finance (Dan Fritch) – Had many people stop by and ask questions. Was able to inform parishioners on what the finance commission does and answer some FAQs.
   2. Parish Spiritual Life (Tracie Ihle) – Was not in town for the fair
   3. Parish Community Life (Dave Kramer) – Retained 2 volunteers from fair and had 10-15 people sign up for dessert contacts for bereavement meals
   4. Evangelization & Outreach (Lynn Scheu) – 3 volunteers signed up from fair with 1 wanting to help with helping hands and the other to help with baptism bibs
   5. Latino (Irma Alanis) – Not in attendance
   6. Office (Tammy Mehringer) – 6-8 volunteers signed up to help in the office from the fair
3. **Listing of Next 30 Days of Events**
   1. Jason Nord gave a tutorial of website and demonstrated the discrete place where the events for the parish are listed. It was decided to move the events tab to the header of our home page.
4. **Welcome New Members**
   1. Welcome bag will not be given out to anyone
   2. A welcome dinner will be hosted for new members and they will have the opportunity to pick a welcome gift during the dinner
   3. Working on a program that will be presented during the meeting giving the new members insight into how they can get involved and what our parish has to offer
   4. Hoping to do this quarterly

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Blood of Christ Returning**
   1. Bishop sent letter stating that Divine Mercy Sunday would be the date for reinstating
   2. Some priests are not reinstating, and some are selectively choosing special events only to reinstate
   3. Fr. John wants to start off small and evaluate how many people are actually taking the Blood of Christ
   4. 3rd – 5th graders are very excited to receive from Chalice
   5. Planning for 2 ministers up the center isle only to start out and training will be done for these ministers by Fr. John
2. **Input for combining evangelization/pilgrimage and entertainment**
   1. Looking at creating 2 subcommittees
   2. Both want to bring in speakers
   3. 1 subcommittee for speakers to be created and the other subcommittee is trip planning committee
      1. Bus trips and combine pilgrimage - help identify places to go, where to go, places to stay, activities. Looking for volunteers

\*Topics for new business added during meeting:

\*\*All kneelers are for 2 people and 3 missalettes are available. Not all 3 are needed so some are to be taken upstairs.

\*\*Streaming of Mass - Live stream at 9 am will transition to YouTube

\*\* Office: parish picture of parishioner book on schedule…dates TBA. Focus on renovation heavily.

\*\* Summer social tickets to be printed next week

\*\* Parish center doors are now locking at 7 pm

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

**FINANCE:** *Dan Fritch*

**St. Joseph Church Parish Council Meeting**

**March 2023**

**Finance Commission Report**

**NO FINANCE MEETING WAS HELD**

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

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

**Financial Review (February 2023)**

Budgeted Income $ 909,744.99

Actual Income $1,266,845.03

Variance $ 357,700.24

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

Budgeted Expenses $987,824.91

Actual Expenses $903,086.90

Variance $ 84,738.01

**Sunday Collections YTD**

January 2023 Sunday Collection Year to Date 35 collections $ 819,100.37 Weekly Average $ 23,402.87

January 2022 Sunday Collection Year to Date 33 collections $ 738,415.11 Weekly Average $ 21,097.57

We canceled our March Finance Commission meeting due to Father Brosmer not being able to attend. All the Finance committee members were contacted, and they felt there were no urgent action items to discuss or review so we decided to not reschedule our March meeting.

No Action Items

Next Meeting: April 18, 2023

**EVANGELIZATION & OUTREACH**: *Lynn Scheu:* No report was sent

**PARISH SPIRITUAL LIFE:** *Tracie Ihle*

**Spiritual Life March & April, Summer Calendar:**

Spiritual Life did not meet in March.

Here is what took place in March and is coming up:

**March:**

* **Stations of the Cross Wednesdays 7PM**, led by middle school youth first 3 Wednesdays, High School/Biscuit team over spring break and Little Flowers March 29th.
* **Stations of the Cross Fridays 6 PM, led by K of C, Stephen ministry, CRHP Team, D of I, St. Annes, Faith Formation** (CGS, CLOW, Rel.Ed. CATECHISTS, RCIA)
* **Mass in a Month Fridays** with Soup & Sandwiches has been going very well. We have 80-90 attending & 8-15 children participating in babysitting and Lenten activities varies from week to week.
* **Confirmation was March 7th –** Concluded with a reception for families that wanted to participate. We had about 140 attend the reception and served appetizers and cookies. Parish provided some and families brought an appetizer or cookies.
* **March 14: First Communion** workshop with children & new parents included a tour of church and the vestments and vessels.
* **March 28: First Communion workshop**
* **March 29th Together night** with the youth from the four parishes held at Precious Blood. Bosco/NET will help lead.
* **March 17-19 – Source and Summit retreat**, Saint Joseph had 6 students attend.
* **March 23-24 – Middle School** retreat with Bosco/NET.
* **Ministry Fair**- Some sign-ups for VBS, CGS, Spiritual Life
* **Saint Meinrad Seminarians** have been helping on Wednesday eve with Middle & High School Faith Formation and have been a blessing to our catechists and youth.

**CGS Classes continue** to meet Sundays, Tuesdays& Wednesdays

**Released Time** – 8:45am-2:45pm, 6 classes a day Monday – Friday, with bus drivers volunteering to shuttle.

**CLOW** – Sundays 9AM Mass through the end of May

**Parish PODCAST – TUNE IN on Apple podcast or YouTube “On the Go at St. Joe” – these are great! Enjoy & SHARE! Philip is happy to interview anyone for any special event taking place in any of the surrounding parishes.**

**APRIL**

* **April 5 – RCIA class for children & parents** & Fr. Christian with RCIA parents giving a tour of church.
* **April 6 – Holy Thursday** – Working on getting adorers following the 6:30PM Mass until Midnight & 12 people for washing of the feet.
* **April 8 – Practice at 9AM**. Assembling Easter baskets for those coming into the church.
* **April 9 – Easter Egg Hunt – Boy Scouts leading after the 9AM Mass.**  Providing supplies for scouts to stuff eggs March 27th.
* **April 11 – First Communion workshop** for children and new parents
* **April 12 – Robert Allard – Divine Mercy presentation – Everyone needs to learn about the extraordinary grace one is able to receive Divine Mercy Sunday. 6:30PM at Saint Joseph. Working with area parishes. This will be on YouTube.**
* **April 16 – Divine Mercy Sunday** weekend masses – special aid being put together to help one prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday plus the special 3PM Service for the East Deanery is held at Saint Joseph this year.
* **April 25 – First Communion workshop**
* **April 25 or May 2 - Practice for Spanish First Communion Mass**

**MAY**

* **May 3 First Communion Family Meal** from parish, Activity, Confession, Practice for 4:30 & 9AM
* **May 7 –** Inviting parish to go to Rosary & May Crowing at Saint Meinrad, Monte Casino Shrine
* **May 15, Next Spiritual Life Meeting, Room 306 7:15PM**
* **May 20 Graduates mass 4:30PM & cookout/potluck**. Parish invited along with high school seniors & families. Each high school senior will receive a compact bible in a zipper case.
* **May 6& 7 first communion weekend, 4:30PM Mass, 9AM Mass & 10:30AM Mass**
* Elly Bell attending Level 2 Training for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.
* June 10 Corpus Christi procession after 4:30 Mass & cookout.
* June 11 Rock Your Faith taking youth to St. Louis and OLS
* June 19-23 - VBS
* July – St. John Bosco Conference for Pam and catechists
* Level 1 Training CGS available at Holy Redeemer in Evansville with the Dominican Sisters. We are working on trying to find new leaders to help grow CGS.

**Parish Community Life:** *Dave Kramer -* No report was emailed

**LATINO:** *Irma Alanis*

* We have a retreat this weekend on April 1st down in Evansville that many of us who serve in church are attending. I should help be a better server and guide us to the direction god wants to take us.
* We also have the stations of the cross Fridays at 7 one Friday here and the next in Huntingburg. Tomorrow it will be in Huntingburg.
* We also have the Cursillo coming in May for women, and June for Men
* We also talked about the church picnic and how we can better that.

**SUCCESS STORIES/OTHER BUSINESS**

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

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

**Submitted by:** Maggie Schneider