**PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

**March 18, 2025**

**Present:** Fr. John, Fr. Christian, Fr. Jaison, Fr. Homero, Jason Nord, Christine Brinkman, Jason Messmer, Richard Kunkel, Tara Dreblow, Dan Fritch, Michele Schoenbachler, Irma Alanis, Andrew Luke, Jane Fischer, Nathan Bradford, Lynne Bohnert

**Absent:** Lynn Scheu, Deacon Keith

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

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

Jason Messmer made a motion to approve the March 2025 Parish Council minutes. Tara Dreblow made a second motion. All were in favor of approval.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Guadalupe Statue – Landscaping Around Statue – Fr. John
   1. Fr. John talked to Kevin Cox landscaping. Kevin is making landscape design suggestions
2. Job Posting for Organist/Music Ministry Update – Fr. John
   1. Posting Organist/Music Ministry Nationally. Down to two candidates (Sean and Edwardo)
3. Bilingual Masses on Feast Days (Feast of St. Joseph) – March 19th
   1. Fr. Homero is taking care of St. Jospeh Mass. Hispanic choir will be singing
4. Church Mosaics – Fr John  
    a. Matt Weyer is looking at options for different lighting and settings
5. Catherine from Bosco – Fr. John (open discussion)
   1. Lynne attended Sunday evening mass (w/ Bosco) and music/candles were wonderful
   2. Middle School kids still have a gap, but Fr. John is addressing this. Need activites/leadership
   3. Andrew was curious if Bosco served all the schools county wide (was seeking clarification)
   4. Lynne mentioned Young Life can advertise in JMS/JHS since not religious affiliation (Bosco cannot)
   5. We need feeders for the middle school students and programs that will keep them engaged.
   6. Dan looked back into the records to 2004. Threw out having a sister program to Bosco for middle school kids (pre-Bosco) to develop (like Webelos before Boy Scouts as a similarity).

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Another Eagle Scout Project Possibility – Fr. John

* Putting up Prayer Garden with St. Joseph or Holy Family Statue.
* Ran past the staff and they are getting additional ideas as well

1. Parish Council Members-Continued Open Discussion

* Jason Messmer/Richard’s terms are up. Adding THREE new members to make sure Parish Council does not have half of the council’s term at the same time. Also adding TWO Latinos to the Parish Council.
* Fr. Homero brought up the biggest challenge…”Language Barrier”. Most are not fully bilingual. He has several candidates in mind but doesn’t want to be translating the entire time.
* Fr. Christian suggested getting high school students to bring individuals that are bilingual as well as bringing youth to the Parish Council (new ideas).
* Jane even proposed taking the Agenda and Parish Council Minutes and translating to Spanish so the Latino representatives can review with extra time.
* Jason suggested that a starting point is needed and stressed continued feedback to integrate the Angelo and Latino communities.

3. Parish Survey – 3 Questions from Survey

* Several surveys were turned in according to Fr. John. Will share results at next Parish Council meeting after Tracy puts everything together in a spreadsheet
* One suggestion that stood out was How to Continue Faith after Confirmation for students

4. Catholic Jubilee “Pilgrims of Hope” – Fr. Christen

* Trip to Montreal: Pilgrimage Company taking awhile to get back with detailed info.
* Fr. Homero is also having a pilgrimage (our Lady of Guadalupe)

1. Upcoming Events / Dates:
   * Confirmation – March 13th
   * Feast of St. Joseph – March 19th (Wed evening mass 6:30 pm)
   * Senior Luncheon/Reconciliation – March 27th (11:00-1:30)
   * Palm Sunday – April 13th
   * Chrism Mass at St. Benedict Cathedral (6:30 EST) – April 15th
   * Holy Thursday – Adoration April 17th
   * Good Friday – Spanish (noon), Veneration of the Cross (3:00), Stations of the Cross (6:00) - April 18th
   * Holy Saturday – April 19th (8:30 pm)
   * Easter – April 20th (6:00, 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 and 12:00/noon)
   * Bus Tour to four churches – April 22nd (Vincennes, Washington, Hburg, Ferdinand)
   * New Members Mass/Divine Mercy Mass – April 27th
   * First Communion – May 4th (First Weekend in May)
   * Mother’s Day – May 11th (Men’s Club hosting breakfast)
   * Blessings of the Bikes – May 18th

6. Lenten Activities – Fr John  
 a. Friday Mass during Lent (6:00 am mass)-40 to 50 people at 6:00 mass and then reconciliation after  
 mass until 8:00 am mass.

b. Faith Formation Presentations…very good turnout (2nd had more than the first)  
  
 7. Additional info (discussion)  
 - Dan likes the cards in the pews (message for parents/area to draw on back for kids)…would like in the   
 pews all the time.   
 -Several people are again in the gathering area at 4:30 mass with no kids. Too many people without   
 kids are using back of church (taking space/chairs for kids)…Fr. John will make announcements again

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

Finance – Dan

* Committee met about an hour ago
* Have a large amount set aside for Bosco acct sitting at the Diocese. Maybe can hire another individual to promote or run part of Bosco. Lynne suggested to spend the money not (Parishioners raised it for the kids for now, not 20 years from now).
* Currently we are about $40,000 under budget at this point. Supplemental income thru the foundation distribution is still available though

Justice & Charity (formerly Evangelization & Outreach) – Lynn

* No meeting since February so nothing new to report

Evangelization & Catechesis (formerly Spiritual Life) – Andrew/Nathan

* Meeting planned for 3/20 (Thursday)
* Working on transition from Confirmation
* Fr. Christian is connecting the Pilgrimage of Hope to Exodus.
* Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be three days with Friday being a Fun Day this summer

Community Life – Michele

* Float for St. Patrick’s Day parade in Ireland went well. Going to do Strassenfest again in August.
* New Member Breakfast is being planned for the end of April (27th).
* Planning a Father’s Day breakfast. Men’s Club will be hosting a Mother’s Day breakfast
* Have a bus trip planned for April…about 40 people have signed up

Liturgy and prayer – Lynne Bohnert

* Parish (March 27th) with Carry-In at St. Joe’s
* Easter Vigil…solution to the candle issue might have been found.
* Consecration started on April 8th (final May 11)

Latino – Irma/Fr. Homero

* Retreat took place in Evansville on March 15th….weather was a factor in attendence
* March 19th…Feast of St. Joseph. Celebration after the feast (incl food)-We are prepared and ready to go
* Latino Songbooks are missing…down to less than 60. Fr. Homero suggested ordering 200 more (fourth edition) to replenish lost books

**CLOSING PRAYER – Fr. Homero**

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COMMISSION CHAIRS: Dan Fritch, Lynn Scheu, Michele Schoenbachler, Andrew Luke, Irma Alanis, Lynne Bohnert

STAFF MEMBERS: Fr. John Brosmer, Fr. Homero Rodriguez, Fr. Christian Raab, Fr. Jaison Kuzhiyil, Pam Freyberger, Tammy Mehringer, Tracie Ihle, Courtney Schmidt, Deacon Keith

**\*\* Tuesday, April 22nd @ 7 PM will be the next meeting \*\***