

## Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Sept 1, 2020

Members Present: Leslie Kueffler, Deacon Pat Bradley, Fr Tom Connolly, Tim Kitt, Bob Pedersen, Jean Smith, Mike Kerschen

Guests Present: Mike Schmidt, Dean Loberg

Meeting called to order at 6 pm. Opening Prayer: Deacon Pat

Bob Pedersen was selected as Secretary

The minutes of the August 4, 2020 were approved as written.

Mike Schmidt presented information on the pavilion in the rear of the church property. In the past the pavilion has been used by St Joseph Knights of Columbus for various parish events. For several years it has been used primarily for storage. There was much discussion about future use of the pavilion. It was decided that the Knights of Columbus will clean up the pavilion area by October 1. The pavilion will be used for parish equipment storage throughout the winter. In the spring, we will revisit this topic and determine how the pavilion can be best used to meet the needs of the parish.

A grounds committee has been formed to monitor the ongoing needs for grounds maintenance. The members are: Dean Loberg (chair), Bill Ryan, and Steve Woodard.

The parish has hired John Capuano as a part-time maintenance/custodian employee.

Jean Smith volunteered to remove the “non-productive” raspberry patch on the east side of the church property.

Improving the entry to the church property was discussed. Fr Tom is working on design suggestions and bids. The discussion centered around replacing the current sign with something more noticeable and inviting from the road.

There is a need for “crack sealing” in the asphalt on the church property. This, as well as seal coating and striping, is an ongoing maintenance concern. The council approved the “crack sealing” for this year. They suggest that the finance council build into the budget “crack sealing” every 2 years and seal coating and striping every four years.

There was discussion about the Boy Scout Troop using the parish facilities for their meeting. Leslie will talk with the Scoutmaster to determine the percent of current St Joseph youth in the Troop and the council will then make decisions about their future use of the parish facilities.

The parish is in the process of creating a long-range plan of action. A committee will be formed headed by Tim Kitt and Mike Kerschen. They will invite other active parish members to take part in this process.

A motion was made by Tim Kitt for the Pastoral Council to approve the Parish Finance Committee to go the Spokane Teachers Credit Union to get a MasterCard for the parish. The motion was seconded by Mike Kerschen. The motion passed unanimously.

The current resident of the west side of the rectory will be leaving on September 15, 2020. Fr Ed Marier will move in shortly after that. Fr Marier will not be an associate pastor nor will he have specific duties assigned to him relating to our parish. He will be available to assist Fr Tom if the need arises and he is not tied to previous commitments.

Fr Tom reported that the Annual Catholic Appeal will begin later this month. More information will be available from the diocese, the parish website, and during upcoming Masses.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 6:30 pm. This will be a joint meeting with the Pastoral Councils from St Joseph and St Mary parishes. The meeting will be held at St Joseph.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Pedersen