

April 11, 2019

## Saints Mary and Joseph Parish

### Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

**In attendance** – Father Vincent Onunkwo, Kristen Klecan, Christopher Raymond, Ken Tarara, Betty Reddy, Therese Vallario, Sue Levesque, Dan Yetter.

**Call to order** – 7:17 PM Christopher Raymond

**Opening Prayer** – Fr. Vincent Onunkwo

**March Minutes** - Reviewed and approved.

**Dan Yetter** – Dan Yetter, is a parishioner and connected with the “small Christian community” ministry. Dan wants to start Christian Science Monitor discussion group.

7 weeks Easter to Pentecost.

Finding Jesus among us in the world and problems against the progress.

Call to the family community participation, and the common good.

This group would have an opportunity to get 12 people to participate in a discussion. Group members would read through the magazine to find articles to speak of. This discussion topic would circulate around the cover article and expand from there. Each would reflect on what was learned and any new thoughts. Father Vincent shared that it would be best to jump start the “small Christian community” ministry back up instead of starting another one. The opportunity should be to have this discussion group take place of the “old” ministry.

**Sue Levesque** – 131 kids were confirmed in 2019. Next year will be the first year where third grade will get confirmed, and first communion administered by Bishop. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be first reconciliation. Grades 4<sup>th</sup> through high school will still need to be confirmed next year. Bishop wants to put a focus on communion. The current setup as confirmation as folder appeared to be “the end”. This hopefully will focus on the eucharist and look for kids to continue, and the kids at the younger age will be more open to the holy spirit. Youth ministry was started to keep the kids involved. Registrations are currently happening, and just started. April 24<sup>th</sup> appreciation night, and open house May 4, 5 of the office.

**New Appointee** – Appoint Kristen Klecan to the May 2021 position, Kim Dexter to the May 2020 position, and Therese Vallario to the May 2020 position.

**Council Nominations** – May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:15PM. After meeting with the candidates and electing the 3 open positions we will need to appoint and elect upon the new Chair, Co-chair, Secretary.

#### Current board positions and recap of current members

**OPEN** - Christopher Raymond – Complete May 2019 (Elected 2016 – 3 year – 2<sup>nd</sup> Consecutive Term)

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Ken Tarara – Complete May 2020 (Elected 2018 to fill - 2 year spot)

Kim Dexter – Complete May 2020 (Appointed April 2019)

Therese Vallario – Complete May 2020 (Appointed April 2019)

Betty Reddy – Complete May **2021** (Elected 2018 – 3 year – 1<sup>st</sup> Term)

Lorraine Thompson – Complete May **2021** (Elected 2018 – 3 year – 1<sup>st</sup> Term)

Kristen Klecan – Complete May **2021** (Appointed April 2019)

**Betty Reddy** – Concerned with the openness of sharing the financial health of the church and the understanding so that everyone understands. Suggested that Fr. Vincent or someone from finance committee should be speaking about this during mass or during the Pastoral Council meeting.

**Father Vincent** – Chair lift and is now in place to get the permits and completed by the end of June. 4/10/19 approved \$17,000 from Knights of Columbus and \$10,000 from Rotary International. Refinished the remaining wood floors in the rectory. This was an item from the bishop as noted during his last visit. MQP will start daily mass at 9am. We need to look for an opportunity of where to locate a grotto. There will be no costs extended to the church. Pastoral council meetings starting on June 13 will be changed to 7pm.

**Closing Prayer** - Fr. Vincent Onunkwo

**Motion to Adjourn** – 9:02PM Chris Raymond