

St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

February 18th 2021 / 5:30 pm / Parish Center

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Attendees

Fr. David Neuschwander, Eric Maki, Cindy Schmid, Andy Bonicatto and Sarah Halberg. Joining via ZOOM: Bean Timmerman/Trustee, Ben Kozak, and Nick Berens. Not present: Amanda Geissler and Deacon Dave DiSera.

Opening Prayer

Fr. David Neuschwander led us in the opening prayer.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to Approve as written: Bean Timmerman-Second, Sarah Halberg-approved unanimously. Fr. David moved to add Bean Timmerman's sculpture discussion to "New Business." The motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes from January 21st 2020

Motion to approve as written: Fr. David-Second, Sarah Halberg-approved unanimously.

Pastor's Report

Fr. David relayed; St. Joe's would host two fish fry's this year during Lent, however, they would be *take-out only* due to the Covid-19 constraints. There are signs and flyers posted and a notice in the bulletin. Proceeds, after expenses, will be donated to the local food shelf.

A letter from Fr. David and a Lenten schedule was sent to all parishioners prior to Ash Wednesday. He felt attendance at all of the Ash Wednesday Masses was good and some faces not seen since pre-Covid were observed. Additionally, three new potential parishioners approached either he or Mary at the masses to inquire about becoming members of St. Joe's.

Last Thursday, Fr. David and Chris Hurtibse (from the Diocese of Superior) went to visit Gordy DeMarais of St. Paul's Outreach. St. Paul's Outreach is a national organization that specializes in discipleship and evangelization for college students and young adults. They met with Gordy to discuss how one might implement discipleship and evangelization opportunities at the parish level. Fr. David hopes that fruits of the discussion will aid in forming the Director of Discipleship job description and parish plan that is being put together.

New Business

Bean Timmerman presented information on a sculpture she believes would be suitable for the top of the columbarium. She shared photos and a strategy to raise funds for the sculpture. She also relayed that a

model is available for viewing in the parish office. At this time, there is an anonymous donor willing to match up to \$5000.00 of raised monies. Bean states she will coordinate the fundraising efforts and installation of the sculpture.

Divine Renovation - Study and Discussion; we began with "Homilies" pp. 123-135 specifically: "Why do you think homily length is often a matter of controversy...?" We ended our discussion with the question regarding "prayer partners."

Agenda Items for Next Month

Divine Renovation - Study and Discussion Picking up where we left off: "What was your reaction when you learned that actively disengaged members outnumber actively engaged members..." and planning to read through page 190.

Next Meeting Date

Thursday, March 11th 2021 5:30 pm.

Closing Prayer

Fr. David led the closing prayer.

Submitted by: Cindy Schmid 2/26/2020