

# **Saint Joseph Pastoral Council Meeting**

## **September 10, 2019**

**Opening Prayer:** Ann Gibney

**Meeting Called to order:** 5:30 p.m.

**Members Present:** Ann Gibney, Sandy Klaus, Susanne Hankey, Claudia McCalley, Sara Hertrampf, Joan Wangen

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Finance Committee: Susanne Hankey, Chair**

1) Susanne reported that the estimated count of the Free Will offering of \$1,285.00 and the Raffle Tickets \$ 2,400 for the Community Picnic. Note that these are not the final counts. The Picnic was well attended and an estimated count of those that attending. Including workers was 200+.

#### **Faith Formation Committee - Sara Hertrampf, Chair**

- 1) Faith Formation Update 2019-2020 was passed out to members and reviewed.
- 2) 93 Students have enrolled for Faith Formation.
- 3) 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade class will have one parent present in the classroom each week with the Catechist.
- 4) Faith Formation Committee would like a better understanding of John Uhal's position to clarify what Janine handles and what John handles so that they know who to go to.
- 5) Traffic Controller: FF Committee will have a parking lot monitor to insure the safety of children coming in and out parish center and other parish facilities during FF. There will be NO PARKING allowed in front of the Parish Center to insure the safety of the children.
- 6) The FF Committee have discussed with Janine Berns and they have decided that Janine should be present for Catechists during FF classes.
- 7) Sara reported that Laura Whittle and Sara Hertrampf agreed to remain on the FFCC last June, 2019. All positions are filled and the FFCC did not need to elect anyone in the Parish Election 2019.
- 8) FF classes should review and reflect on Father's weekly Homily during class.
- 9) St. Joseph's FFCC next meeting will be Sunday, Oct. 6. The Emmaus Pastorate FFCC will be meeting three times a year.

### **Parish Life Committee - Claudia McCauley**

- 1) Parish Life have been collecting baby clothing for their Layette Project. They will meet on Monday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m. to put together the LAYETTES. The LAYETTES will be donated to Clarity Clinic and Mary's Place, Dubuque.
- 2) No Parish Life Committee meetings have been held since June. Their next monthly meeting will follow the making of the LAYETTES.

### **Liturgy Committee: Joan Wangen, Representative**

No Report

### **Social Justice: Jerry Muff, Absent**

No Report

### **Stewardship Committee: No Representative**

No Report

### **P. Council Chair: Ann Gibney**

#### **1) Parish Hall Update:**

The Bat Mitigation Company work is almost completed and the insulation is being blown in as of today, September 10.

2) The painter is scheduled to 'cut in' the parish hall the 1<sup>st</sup> week of November. Parish Volunteers will be organized to paint the walls with rollers and scaffolding will be needed in order to paint the walls.

3) **Pastoral Council Reminder:** Father John has asked that the P. Council submit their reports &/or notes to Janie Wiley one week before the P. Council meeting. P. Council is no longer to give their reports verbally at the meetings. Once Janie Wiley has received each Committee's report they will be typed and emailed to the Council. This will allow the Council to review the reports prior to the meeting which will allow more time at the meetings for Council business.

4) Some Parishioners have heard that the Choir will not be singing at Mass each week and other musical ensembles will be at Mass. Sandy Klaus suggested that Ann Gibney speak with John Uhal to clarify this situation.

5) P. Council asked Sandy Klaus for clarification regarding the Parish providing lunch when volunteers are working at the over the noon hour. The P. Council's general consensus was that it could be confusing as to when we should provide lunch and when it should not be provided. More information is needed on this subject and the Council will discuss this at the next meeting.

6) Emmaus Pastorate Staff Meetings will be monthly at St. Mark's on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 4 p.m.

7) A problem was noted with a lack of communication from subcommittees and staff meetings to the P. Council. Sandy Klaus addressed the problem and asked for examples. A discussion proceeded with ideas of how to improve communication in these areas.

8) Emmaus Pastorate Survey- Fall 2019 was discussed and how it will be implemented.

Sara Hertrampf shared her business research the most effective way of have Survey's made

available and completed and returned. Surveys' being available online has the highest percentage of being completed and returned and those mailed had the lower percentage.

**General P. Council Information:**

- 1) Molly Scherf and Lori Farmer and the Committee did a GREAT JOB on the St. Joseph Community Picnic on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- 2) The Pastoral Council asked for a report of the financial cost for the renovations of the parish hall. This will be made available to them once it is available.

**New Business- Ann Gibney**

- 1) First Fridays- Food, Fun, Faith with Father John – Deb's Brewtopia, Elkader – 5 p.m.- 7 p.m. Ann will speak with Father John to verify the date.
- 2) Word and Sacrament, 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings that Faith Formation has classes has been approved by Father John. Sandy Klaus do the training for W/S. Ann will be talking with Alice White as she does the W/S on Friday's when mass is cancelled. Ann will be talking with John Uhal and Janine Berns in regards to this.
- 3) The P. Council is working on the Pastoral Goals.

**Next Meeting:** This year all five Parish Pastoral Council monthly meetings will be held as an Emmaus Pastorate P. C. Meeting. Father John will preside at the meetings and the dates are being decided at this time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janie Wiley, Secretary