

# **Saint Joseph Pastoral Council Meeting**

## **January 14, 2020**

**Opening Prayer:** Daily Scripture Reading and then discussion of the readings.

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

**Members Present:** Ann Gibney, Susanne Hankey, Claudia McCalley, Joan Wangen, Sara Hertrampf, Jerry Muff, Jay Farmer and Sandy Klaus.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Faith Formation Commission Committee- Sara Hertrampf**

- 1) Classes resumed January 8<sup>th</sup> and attendance and programming is going well.
- 2) FFCC is working on a date and time to meet as a Commission again.
- 3) John Uhal is developing Faith Formation for Adults.

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

- 1) No meetings have been held however one has been scheduled for tomorrow.

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

- 1) The last Parish Life meeting was held on September 16, 2019. At that time, Ellen Collins, Chairperson retired from the position. She indicated that Father John was aware of her decision and added that she believed he would need to appoint a new Chairperson. No subsequent meetings have been held.
- 2) No formal information from Parish Life Committee is available, however, Parish Life circles have continued to provide service to the parish including serving funeral dinners and assisting with Parish/Pastorate wide events. No meeting for the Parish Life Committee has been scheduled at this time.

### **Social Justice: Jerry Muff**

- 1) The SJ committee met Dec 7 at the Muff residence, led by Chairperson Colleen Moore. The Fill the Trunk project has been an ongoing one completed by Linda Gardner, and Ericksons Dianne and Bill. Linda G made a short presentation during mass which boosted the parish participation. Bill reported that the last haul was \$358 of monetary donations plus 281 lbs. of goods with a value of \$497.37, totaling \$855.37.
- 2) SJ Committee was in charge of carrying out the Giving Tree project wherein gifts were placed below the tree which was then taken to St Olaf's Shepard of the Hills. Several additional potential projects were discussed.
- 3) The Committee continues to look at the needs in the community and ways to address Social Justice issues. Several members have done outstanding work. Jerry indicated that there is a Committee to plan vocations development and he will be sitting on that Committee.

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

- 1) Reviewed with Finance Committee drain in the rectory basement was not draining and water was getting items wet. Bob Hankey, Bldgs and Grounds was going to check with Koehn's about having the basement drain cleaned out.
- 2) Ann brought up that it would be good for transparency that we inform the parish of the reasons and costs for new lights outside the hall and processional cross.
- 3) Committee reviewed items on check register and budget report.
- 4) Questions were asked regarding the St. Joseph T-shirts that were made up and sold for the church. Sandy Klaus will follow up on project and report the information to the F. Committee.
- 5) John Nikolai asked the committee about the cemetery report in the Annual report. He was concerned about that the report did not reflect income for the \$5.00 the cemetery gets for veterans. He was advised that the cemetery association was a separate entity from the church funds and he would need to visit with Bruce Collins as he kept the records for the cemetery association. The committee thanked John for his efforts on maintaining the grave sites for the veterans.
- 6) Bob Hauber discussed the problems with the budget report; it was not providing the needed information for the committee. It was discussed that maybe we should look at a different program like Parish Soft. Theresa said that Parish Soft was designed for a church with a school. It was decided that we should see if our current program could be modified and maybe Theresa and several members could have a conference call with Power church Plus to see if modifications could be done to the program.

### **Stewardship Committee – Jay Farmer**

- 1) The Committee has not met at this time. Jay asked for direction as to the duties of the Committee. Sandy Klaus offered contact information for Committee Chairperson at St. Mark's.

## **On Going Business- Ann Gibney**

**Parish Hall Update:** Parishioners have asked when photos taken down from walls during the renovation will be rehung. There had been discussion of possibly restoring them and the group discussed the possibility of making digital copies for the website. Ann will communicate with Alice White from Buildings and Grounds regarding these issues.

**Adult Mission Trip:** Ann shared that some parishioners have expressed interest in learning more about an adult mission trip to Red Lake Minnesota to support a parish school and community. The Council discussed which Committee might do the information gathering and planning. It was recommended that Ann speak with John Uhal as this would be an Adult Faith Formation opportunity.

**Friday Evening with Father John:** The next Event is scheduled for February 7<sup>th</sup>, 5-7 p.m. at Deb's Brewtopia, Elkader. We will need to update Father's availability when he returns to work. Ann is not available and so a volunteer is needed to coordinate this event.

**Word and Communion:** Attendance numbers remain at about 25 persons. It has not been included recently in the bulletin, but is offered whenever Faith Formation has class. Ann will follow up on it being in the bulletin.

## **New Business:**

- 1) Sara Hertrampf asked what steps would be needed to form a Pro Life Group in the parish. Sandy Klaus said that this idea would need to be discussed and approved by Father John.
- 2) The Council discussed the Pastorate Pictorial Guide. Additional information will be available in a few weeks. This would be planned for later in 2020 or 2021.
- 3) Time and Talents documents were provided to the Council. They will be reviewed at a later meeting.
- 4) Parish Spirituality Surveys were reviewed in detail by the Council Members. There was discussion of how to disseminate the data in addition to its presentation at the Town Hall Meeting.
- 5) Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. The group discussed the need to encourage participation since it is not going to be held after mass.
- 6) The next Parish Council meeting will be Tuesday, January 28, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m. at St. Mark's. Planning for the Town Hall meeting will take place at that time.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, January 28, 6:30 p.m. at St. Mark Parish Center

Respectfully Submitted,  
Claudia McCalley and  
Janie Wiley, Secretary