

Saint Joseph Pastoral Council Meeting

September 17, 2020

Opening Prayer: Our Father

Meeting Called to order: 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Jay Farmer, Susanne Hankey, Sandy Klaus, Steven Kessler, Claudia McCalley

Guests: Fran Zichal

Fran reported to the Pastoral Council on the following areas:

- 1) St. Joseph has a need to hire someone to clean the church. A job description was given to the Council. Following a discussion, the general consensus of the P. Council was to place an ad in the Clayton County Register Newspaper. St. Joseph has advertised the position in the E. Pastorate Bulletin. We have not received any applications.
- 2) Covid-19 report on Clayton County cases and the guidelines that we need to be following at the parish.
- 3) Covid-19 guidelines on sanitizing and cleaning all church facilities. The Emmaus Pastorate has purchased a Covid-19 Sanitizing Misting Machine that mists a chemical approved by the CDC to kill Covid-19 on surfaces. It will be shared among the parishes. St. Joseph is using the machine following weddings in order to sanitize the church for 4:00 p.m. mass. No one may enter the church for 30 minutes during & after the application. Hospitality are standing at the church doors to ensure no one enters until it is safe.
- 4) Parish Hall and Parish Center usage/rental rules and regulations are being updated to meet Covid-19 guidelines. In addition, we will need to determine what is 50% Capacity of these facilities to meet the guidelines.
- 5) Fran discussed the usage of the Table Cloths. It was decided by a general consensus of the P. Council that the table cloths will only be allowed to be used for St. Joseph's Parish Events.
- 6) ER Preparedness: A safer type of locks are needed for the Sacristy and Mass Preparation doors. Several ideas were discussed by the P. Council. They will look into the cost of a Magnetic Key system and revisit this next month.
- 7) The St. Joseph's Faith Formation will need to have a practice Fire Drill. Fran has been in contact with the Elkader Fire Department and Janine Berns. This will be scheduled in the near future.

Committee Reports:

Faith Formation Commission Committee- Janine Berns

- 1) Janine Berns virtually attended the Archdiocesan sponsored Faith Formation Leader day on August 20th.
- 2) Goals are formed not only around our faith learning, but the health and safety of all our students, catechists, and families.
- 3) The Calendar for the Faith Formation had to be reevaluated and the format of classes changed. We currently have classes meeting on a rotational basis. Only three classes meet each week, one in Parish Center, one in Parish Hall and one in Church. Confirmation and 2nd grade Sacrament classes meet virtually on the weeks that we are not face-to-face. We do have some virtual learning built into this year's calendar.
- 4) P. Council members were given a list of Catechists, Class Grades and sizes and the FF Calendar for classes this 2020-2021 year.

Finance Committee- Susanne Hankey

- 1) The problem of lack of water pressure in the Parish house has been repaired. A small pump was purchased and installed along with new shower head.
- 2) The Budget Report is completed and will be listed the Annual Parish Report.
- 3) Financially the Parish is managing well at this time.
- 4) St. Joseph paid 27% of the cost for the Emmaus Pastorate Covid-19 Misting Sanitizer Machine.

Liturgy Committee: Joan Wangen, Representative- No Meeting

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.
- 3) The Parish Life Committee decided to hold their meeting quarterly.

Social Justice Committee- Cody Mueller, No Meeting

Stewardship Committee- Steven Kessler, No Meeting

- 1) Note: At the present time St. Joseph does not have a Stewardship Committee. This is something that will be worked on in the near future.

Pastoral Council Chair - Jay Farmer

- 1) It was decided that the P. Council will continue to meet at 6:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 15, 6:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Parish Hall

Closing Prayer: Steven Kessler

Respectfully Submitted,
Janie Wiley, Secretary