

## Parish Council Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2021

7:00 pm

ZOOM

**Attendees:** Lauren Bakke, Roberta Bakke, Mary Cimperman, John Comer, Bob Coulombe, Leo Frank, Joel Loecken, Mary Ann Neuman, Dean Rademacher, Father Terry, Paul Rebehn, Paul Sariego, Jackie Schluter Johnson, Lisa Gemlo, Patty Neuville, Ashley Koepsell

**Not in attendance:** Bebet Quitangor,

Called to order at 7:00

1. Approval of February 16 minutes Bob moved, Roberta second. Motion passes
2. Introduction of Lisa Gemlo and Ashley Koepsell, St. David's Adventure club proposal  
St. David Center does a lot with early childhood services, therapy, day treatment, adventure club. They are interested in using the Youth Lounge for 8 to 10 special needs children with staff from 2:30 to 6:00. The program is an opportunity for after school adventures for the children. There will be potential opportunities for neighborhood workers both on staff and in volunteer roles. Dean will work with Lisa and Ashley to flesh out the program and run it by our insurance underwriters. The Parish Council is supportive of the initiative.
3. Communications report-  
Patty Neuville provided background on the Communication function at St. Joseph's. It is growing, it is timely, it is reaching more and more people and it is interconnected. Great job Patty and Lynn implementing the program effectively.
4. Dean report including Mass attendance data-  
Giving is up 11%. In the interest of time more details next month.
5. Synod Ambassador update-  
Paul R. distributes a training PowerPoint from Jean Stolpestad and Therese Coons Sessions for Small Group Training are offered Thursdays in the afternoon and evening. Everyone is encouraged to attend.  
They will be training on Starting Small Groups on March 23 and continuing each month.  
We have our Core Team in place.  
Next month at Parish Council we will start to organize our Fall activities.
6. Re-engaging parishioners to "Church" as covid declines, conversation with a focus on families with children inclusion –  
Jackie has expressed interest in inviting parishioners to reconnect with the physical space of the church. We discussed the need to engage parishioners who have not been in the habit of coming to church before they begin other activities. The idea is to have outdoor events on the property where parishioners with children, in particular, are able to socialize children with children, parents with parents. Also having things that call parishioners to come to the building to pick up things: parish directories, art projects, book club books, renew materials, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42.

Next Council meeting is April 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM