

PARISH COUNCIL

March 20, 2019

Minutes of the Meeting * submitted by Kathi Trares

PRESENT: Cindy Clark, Chuck Casalicchio, Peg Haney, Karen Schulz, Annette Carlisle, Phyllis Fussaro, Joe Casalicchio, Bill Hafemeister, Patty Nichols, Kathi Trares

ABSENT: Fr. Ed Stafford, Deacon Gerry Scopilliti, Mike Minor, Elaine Finnerty, Bill Bash

Meeting opened at 7:08 p.m. with by prayer led by Chuck.

WELCOME

As part of our ongoing Pastoral Planning Process, Annette Carlisle asked members to share what they, their committee members, and fellow parishioners would like to see Council accomplish, their concerns, and things that they'd like improve.

MINISTRY/ORGANIZATION REPORTS & NEWS

Finance Council (Karen Schulz) – March's meeting dealt with reviewing usual reports, discussing security, and investments later in the year. **Council/Parish Planning Item** - Plans are to address remaining three church walls & Narthex; Bill Hafemeister spoke of using two different treatments for upper & lower areas of walls, availability of drywall finisher, and lining up a drywall hanger soon (Joe mentioned a contact he had).

Worship Committee (Chuck Casalicchio) – Lent & Easter environment plans were formulated including incorporating Lenten theme of "Let Go & Grow"; weekly bulletin feature and Narthex wall mural will be developed around theme (staff was thanked for developing theme). Consideration of sanctuary being a quiet place of prayer prior to beginning of Mass was mentioned. Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28th service planned; member involvement resulted in cancellation of Free Community Meal that day (free Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast to be offered to those in need). Need of flower donations for Altar of Repose to be noted in bulletins, website, etc.

St. Joseph Cares (Patty Nichols) – Members gathered March 10th to sort clothing drive items for *Mantua's Free Clothing Giveaway* March 16th (working every other time); future giveaways are May 18, Jul. 20, Sept. 21, Nov. 16. Several members recently attended *Bringing America Back to Life conference* March 8/9 which focused on their mission to build a culture of life Through Prayer - Action - Voting - and Education (PAVE) and a commitment to the sanctity of life at all stages. Information shared about St. Rita Parish and surrounding parishes' invitation to attend a FREE showing of the movie, *UNPLANNED* (story of former director of Planned Parenthood, Abby Johnson) on March 26 at AMC Theatre in Solon. **Council/Parish Planning Item** - offering a refresher of liturgical norms (when to sit, stand, kneel, etc.).

STAFF REPORTS

Deacon Gerry Scopilliti (absent) – No report.

Peg Haney, DRE – PSR's Winter Games were held Feb. 24th. Sacramental prep. continues – Confirmation Retreat 1/26, Portage County Confirmation Day 4/6 & parish recognition 4/7 at 11:15 Mass; First Communion Retreat 3/30 with celebration 5/5 for 12 students. Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast 4/14 with Women's Group hosting (K of C men helping cook); Easter Egg Hunt 12:15 p.m. on Holy Saturday 4/20 (donations of items for eggs & giveaways appreciated). Peg attended final Mass for Men's Renewal Weekend and was impressed with attendees and how they are becoming engaged in community life. **Council/Parish Planning Item** – Hosting retreats & activities with 7th & 8th graders as well as 9th graders & beyond and integrating themselves in parish life; adult mentoring activities would enhance this involvement and spiritual life.

Cindy Clark, Business Office Manager – Bills are being paid without drawing funds from Ox Roast Fair account; Renovation Fund has approximately \$16,000.00; Increased Offertory Program showing good results (August letter to those who haven't responded); Lottery Raffle Fundraiser doing well although sales slower (one year commitment). Maintenance & Grounds Ministry spending a little more as they organize & get projects started; Fr. Ed mentioned he may occasionally offer gift cards for their volunteer commitment.

Kathi Trares, Parish Secretary – Parish featured in diocesan Stewardship Newsletter on our successful Increased Offertory Program; Ox Roast Fair t-shirt design was shared; new Parish Pictorial Directory kick-off mentioned (volunteering for sign-ups, design suggestions, and hosting on photography days encouraged).

PASTOR'S REPORT

Fr. Ed was not in attendance due to “The Light is ON for You” – An Evening of Reconciliation.

OLD BUSINESS

Hall Rental Policy – In addition to the items mentioned, Hall Rental Policy was brought up; Kathi & Cindy informed the group that policy is already in place & available through Parish Office & on parish website; much research was done several years ago, new policy was discussed & reviewed by staff, approved by Fr. Ed, and put into effect April 15, 2016.

NEW BUSINESS

Women's Auxiliary Change – Annette shared that the Women's Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus will now be a part of St. Joseph Church with a name change to be determined soon; under the K of C, the group would have had to obtain their own insurance policy; they will now be under the church's federal non-profit ID; other changes in K of C organization prompted this change (members will still be involved in K of C events through husbands' involvements).

Expiring Terms / Membership – Issue discussed of Elaine Finnerty & Bill Bash not coming to any meetings since agreeing to serve on Council; Annette offered to draft letter asking them of their intentions and response by certain date; members agreed. Terms for Patty Nichols (St. Joseph Cares) and Karen Schulz (Finance Council) are up this spring but typically, committee representatives stay on unless someone else offers to serve. Kathi suggested that someone from newly formed Women's Group and Maintenance & Grounds Ministry become representatives on Council; discernment for new members would happen in 2020 for outgoing members whose terms expire next Spring; members felt this was a good idea; Kathi will get Fr. Ed's approval & Annette will draft invitational letters.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. with Hail Mary.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS (PRAYER LEADERS): May 15 (Peg Haney)

Finance Council Meeting Minutes January 10, 2019

■ Call to order

- We opened at 2:00 P.M. with prayer.

■ Attendance

- The following were present: Fr. Stafford, Cindy Clark, and Karen Schulz.

■ Review of minutes from the last meeting

- The Nov., 2018 meeting minutes were accepted as presented.

■ Review and Discussion of P&L

- Profit and Loss reports received from Cindy Clark were reviewed and accepted.

■ Pastor's Report

- Father Stafford reported that funds on hand for the Fair are far in excess of necessary start up needs and some will be invested in a 6-month CD.

■ Old Business

- We still have not received the updated alarm- pricing from Joe Bica.

■ New Business

- The campaign to increase weekly donations seems to be successful.
- We will invest differently after the 2019 Ox Roast Fair.

■ Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 3:15 P.M.

The next meeting will be on **March 14, 2019 @ 7 PM.**

St. Joseph Cares Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 5, 2019
7:00 PM

Present: Angie Daczko, Jean Wojtecki, Patty Nichols, Jan Seljan, Ron Scala, Lynn Kelley, and Michelle Turpin.

I. OPENING PRAYER – Angie

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion by Angie to approve the meeting minutes of the January 2019 meeting, motion seconded by everyone, all in favor, motion carries.

III. *TREASURER'S REPORT*

Reported an ending December balance of \$2,622.10. January Deposits of \$1,142.00, and January Cases \$1,374.94, resulting in a balance of \$2,389.16, at the end of January. Cases for January below.

Case	Check No.	Amount	Purpose
1066	2904	\$200.00	Rent
1067	2905	\$200.00	Rent
1068	2906	\$174.94	Water
1069	2907	\$200.00	Rent
1070	2908	\$200.00	Rent
1071	2909	\$200.00	Propane
1072	2910	\$200.00	Rent

IV. DISCUSSION

The group had discussion on the following topics

- Cases discussed, helped 7 people. With the extreme cold weather, may be more cases next month. Case #1071 for propane assistance, would normally have a \$200 emergency fee assessed, but Jan has built a working relationship with Amerigas and was able to have the fee waived. The \$200 given by SJC and \$300 donated by Hilltop Church was enough to fill the propane tank for the family.
- Fire at Catholic Charity building in Ravenna closes café and put 70 people out of their apartments. Red Cross and Salvation Army provided hotel rooms until the apartments are ready for return. The fire started in the basement, nobody was hurt. SJC can help anyone with emergency needs not taken care of with RC or SA. Guido's Restaurant had smoke damage. A large group of volunteer workers helped clean up so the restaurant could reopen.
- Jan contacted the last 12 people SJC helped and invited them to our community meal. One family attended.
- Lynn has started working on Pro Life items. Conference- Bring America back to Life. Organize a group to go see movie "Unplanned" to be showing the end of March. K of C put an Ultrasound machine in an abortion clinic and it helped to persuade women to choose life instead.
- Ron reported on the clothing drive. Nancy is handling February, SJC will handle March. St Pauley's picks up at the shed every Thursday. Tuesday is a good day to sort. Ron made fliers to pass out. Would be good to let parishioners know how the sorting is done. Unusable items can be bagged and credit is given for the weight.

V. CLOSING PRAYER– Patty

VI. ADJOURNMENT @ 9:00 PM The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, 2019.

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V. OPENING PRAYER – Joe

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion by Angie to approve the meeting minutes of the February 2019 meeting, motion seconded by Jean, all in favor, motion carries.

VII. *TREASURER'S REPORT*

Reported an ending January balance of \$2,389.16. February Deposits of \$822.50, and February Cases \$1,085.00, resulting in a balance of \$2,126.66, at the end of February. Cases for February below.

Case	Check No.	Amount	Purpose
1073	2911	\$180.00	Community meal
1074	2912	\$200.00	Gas (heat)
1075	2913	\$100.00	Rent
1076	2914	\$200.00	Rent
1077	2915	\$225.00	Gas(heat)
1078	2941(ck out of order)	\$180.00	Transportation

VIII. DISCUSSION

The group had discussion on the following topics

- Ron reported on the clothing update-Pastor Joyce is on board to take on April. SJC volunteers will sort the bags donated in the all purpose room after 11:15am Mass, so that the items can be taken to the school folded and on hangers. There can be no bags left in the room as that is what the fire department does not want. Would prefer the large room is not used for sorting/storing as it is not part of the monthly rental agreement.
- Patty reported on Parish Council President's request for wish list of items for the Parish. Group discussed having a refresher of Liturgical norms and proper posture during Mass.
- Joe, Angie, Michele and family are attending the Bringing America Back to Life convention in Cleveland joined with Cleveland Right to Life on March 8th, and 9th. May be some items to give the group ideas for getting more involved in this cause. Numerous speakers focusing on the value of life, not just abortion.
- Human trafficking, human dignity, need to make public more aware of what is going on. Prayer intention for right to life. What the actual procedure is for partial birth abortion. Most are unaware of the details of abortion.
- Movie "Unplanned" will be showing in our area around the 29th of March. Story of a director of a Planned Parenthood clinic and the events that led her to leave her position and become a well-known advocate and speaker for Pro-Life. Would like to have a group gathered to see and support the film.

IX. CLOSING PRAYER– Joe

VI. ADJOURNMENT @ 8:05 PM The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2, 2019.

**St. Joseph Mantua
Worship Committee notes from March 7, 2019**

Music Continuity of Holy Week

No 6 PM Mass namely rumer? as a nice gesture after previous pastors

A daily chapel very nice idea another thought connects to Parish Present at Staff Meetings

Divine Mercy Sunday

Meal is from 12:30 to 2:00pm

Same schedule from USCCB a good guide. With an itinerary to follow:

Reading

Leaders Deacon and Father

Homely like Michelle leading Divine Mercy, Son Rise Singers Holy Music

First Friday enrich

Father's Comments

Lent is supposed to be a sober time, with less music, less noisy in the parish and a sparse environment. Our parish has their own unique style of meeting and greeting one another. Many parishes are more quiet in entering church and allow for calming down and quiet reflective prayer before Mass. Church architecture and local traditions do influence how people gather but that is your decision as to what you have become comfortable in doing over the years. The church was designed years ago with the thought that it would be a gymnasium. Recent improvements made, have allowed the environment to be a more appropriate setting for liturgy. The liturgy is not intended to be a "basketball game" but because of the Church architecture it is like going to a basketball game because of the architecture the space it amplifies the smallest sound making it sometimes a distraction to come in and quiet ones self and reflect.

Don't have any good thoughts on Facebook sometimes scandals.

Day of Recollection from a Jesuit Father, Father Tom Sweetzer after Easter, Before Ox Roast

Realities in Church ? 73 priest, 6 counties, many retired priests parish 13 24 61-70

Over half 61 and above

Mass Attendance 106,796, 2010 - 800, 2018 - 40,000. Lay people will have to take a larger roll.

Environment

We don't need candles. What we need to buy? Who would we like to assist?

(Sue, Luci, Jess, Jan, Candy, Jeanine, Micky, Chuck, Mary Ann, Amy, Kathy P, Maryanne B, and Michelle)

Lilies, hydrangea, azalea, scented flowers, also have flowers from Altar of Repose

Chuck will look up how to water and give out sheet as recommended by growers

Warmer in Church with heat fixed.

Chuck will buy 3 palm bush by chair, 1 by ambo so it is odd number group, order fan palms Pascal candle is in

Palm Sunday Set up Red environment, red candle stick, round red vase, red and white candles from McKays Red azalea

Mother's Day we'd have to ask Jessica for flowers

Altar of Repose, Table 4-14 - Wed 4/17/2019 Table by windows, door

open from material cleaned and pressed help Mary Ann. She will press will need someone to roll on card broad Using Gold satin flowers and candle

Notes taken by Jay D'aurelio & corrected Approved by phone 3/13/19

Typed and respectfully submitted by Chuck Casalicchio

Diane Sanderson 3/9/2019

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Finance Council Meeting Minutes March 14, 2019

■ Call to order

- We opened at 7:00 P.M.

■ Attendance

- The following were present: Fr. Stafford, Cindy Clark, Barb Colin, Dan Safko, Ken Emerick, and Karen Schulz.

■ Review of minutes from the last meeting

- The Jan., 2019 meeting minutes were accepted as presented.

■ Review and Discussion of P&L

- Profit and Loss reports received from Cindy Clark were reviewed and accepted.

■ Pastor's Report

- Father Stafford reported that there were some inaccuracies and errors in the Worship Committee minutes and made clarifications and corrections to pertinent Financial issues.

■ Old Business

- We still have not received the updated alarm- pricing from Joe Bica. Cindy continues to attempt to reach him.
- The plan to invest excess Ox Roast Fair funds was changed to do additional renovations before making investments.

■ New Business

- The Women's Auxiliary is no longer associated with the Knights of Columbus. They will continue to make generous donations to the Church, but will be using the Church Hall rather than the K of C Hall for events.
- We will invest differently after the 2019 Ox Roast Fair. Larger amounts for longer terms. We will also make the Church accounts whole by using Fair funds to purchase a CD to replace the one deposited into the Fair account a few years ago. The intent of this action is to begin building a reserve fund to be used for emergency expenses.

■ Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M. with prayer.

The next meeting will be on **May 9, 2019 @ 7 PM.**