

PARISH COUNCIL

September 18, 2019

Minutes of the Meeting * submitted by Kathi Trares

PRESENT: Linda Litz, Deacon Gerry Scopilliti, Cindy Clark, Karen Schulz, Peg Haney, Bill Hafemeister, Annette Carlisle, Joe Casalicchio, Chuck Casalicchio, Fr. Ed Stafford, Kathi Trares

EXCUSED: Greg D'Aurelio, Patty Nichols, Mike Minor, Elaine Finnerty, Phyllis Fussaro

Meeting opened at 7:02 p.m. with by prayer led by Kathi.

MINISTRY/ORGANIZATION REPORTS & NEWS

Finance Council (Karen Schulz) – Last meeting was May 9th; next scheduled meeting is Sept. 19th. Cindy Olesh is working on preliminary Ox Roast Fair figures to report to parish in a couple of weeks.

Worship Committee (Chuck Casalicchio) – Meetings are held 1st Thursday of the month; plans for Sr. Joyce to help provide 15 minutes of formation for the group is in the works; membership make-up is being looked at to allow meetings to be most productive (support members help with environment). Suggestion was made to include the Responsorial Psalm's page number on the hymn board. Marianne Berzinskas is working on putting the names of parishioners who have died in the past year in the Book of Life; it will be available in church for anyone to add names throughout October; they will be remembered at our All Souls Remembrance and throughout the month of November. Upcoming events include 10/12 Anointing of the Sick (after 5:00 p.m. Mass; after 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Ambrose on 10/13) and 10/26 Halloween Dance (Worship Committee helping Parish Social Committee). Next meeting is scheduled for October 3rd.

St. Joseph Cares (Patty Nichols – absent) – Please refer to attached meeting minutes.

Sisterhood of St. Joseph (Linda Litz) – Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of the month in the All-Purpose Room; membership is growing. Upcoming fundraisers include: 10/14 Casino Bus Trip to Presque Isle in Erie, PA, 10/19 Mantua Wine Walk with the Downtown Mantua Revitalization Committee (more details in future bulletins), and New Year's Eve Reverse Raffle.

Other News – Chuck reported that 9/15 Blue Mass hosted by K of C 4th Degree was well attended; looking into possibility of doing at Saturday's Mass next year due to larger crowd, PSR schedule, etc.

STAFF REPORTS

Deacon Gerry Scopilliti – Changes with parish collaboration seem to be going well here and at St. Ambrose. Lottery Raffle Fundraiser doing well making approximately \$6,000.00 (most likely will continue another year). K of C to take on Memorial Courtyard Project (between Parish Center & church).

Peg Haney, DRE – Brochures for 10/19 Diocesan Ministry Day were shared & members were encouraged to register (discount price for 5 or more by deadline). 2019/20 PSR Schedule handed out; program begins right after Mass with 15 minute social & activity time in Hughes Hall before going to classrooms; enrollment for close to previous year. Free Community Meals are 10/27, 1/26, 2/23 & 4/26 from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. (Pancake Breakfast is 4/5 with Sisterhood of St. Joseph handling); host groups are needed (contact Peg to volunteer).

Cindy Clark, Business Office Manager – Bills are being paid; collections are up & down but online giving participation is up; collection envelopes from collaboration parishes are being delivered to their appropriate home no matter where parishioners contribute.

Kathi Trares, Parish Secretary – Parish website is being revamped with an improved "sections" layout allowing easier reading & navigation on tablets & cell phones as well as computers. Upcoming dates for holy days and other celebrations were shared . . . All Saints Masses (11/1): 5:00 p.m. - St. Ambrose, 7:00 p.m. - St. Joseph; All Souls Mass (11/2): 10:00 a.m. - St. Joseph; Thanksgiving Day Liturgy (11/28): 10:00 a.m. Communion Service - St. Joseph; Feast of the Immaculate Conception-Not a Day of Holy Obligation this year; Christmas Eve: 5:00 p.m. - St. Joseph, Midnight - St. Ambrose; Christmas Day: 9:00 a.m. - St. Ambrose, 11:00 a.m. - St. Joseph; New Year's Eve: 5:00 p.m. - St. Joseph; New Year's Day: 10:00 a.m. - St. Ambrose.

PASTOR'S REPORT – Everything seems to be going fine & everyone is adapting well to collaboration changes; everyone knows their ministries and jobs and continues to serve our parish which is much appreciated.

OLD BUSINESS

VIRTUS Training – Protecting God's Children – Any adult working with children must attend this class and be fingerprinted (everyone must be compliant by Spring 2020); Peg will offer sessions 10/19 & 11/17 at 7 p.m. (again in Spring); fingerprinting can be done at Sheriff's Office or DMV (volunteer letter from Peg required).

NEW BUSINESS

St. Joseph / St. Ambrose / St. Michael Collaboration – Annette suggested that our parishes occasionally do something together now that we are a collaborative unit (as of Aug. 15th); this would help bring us closer together as we share our priest and resources. It was reiterated that we are still separate parishes and function with the same staffs and parish groups and ministries; things like Youth Ministry & RCIA are the types of resources that may be shared. Annette is looking into PARTA helping to provide rides to our 5:00 p.m. especially for the elderly who no longer have a Saturday Mass in Garrettsville.

CLOSING PRAYER

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. with St. Joseph prayer provided by Fr. Ed.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS (PRAYER LEADERS):

11/20 (Peg Haney), 1/15 (Annette Carlisle), 3/18 (Deacon Gerry), 5/20 (Cindy Clark)

**St. Joseph Cares
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 11, 2019
7:00 PM**

Present: Angie Daczko, Joe Daczko, Jean Wojtecki, Ron Scala, Jan Seljan, Patty Nichols and Chuck Casalicchio.

I. OPENING PRAYER – Joe

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion by Joe to approve the meeting minutes of the May 2019 meeting, motion seconded by Jan, all in favor, motion carries.

III. *TREASURER'S REPORT*

Reported an ending April balance of \$1,781.32.(includes ck 2904 \$200 uncashed added back in) May Deposits of \$882.40, and May Cases \$885.75, resulting in a balance of \$1,777.97, at the end of May. Cases for May below.

| Case | Check No. | Amount | Purpose |
|------|-----------|----------|------------------|
| 1094 | 2957 | \$150.00 | Water |
| 1095 | 2958 | \$114.10 | Ohio Edison |
| 1096 | 2959 | \$120.00 | Rent-PMHA |
| 1097 | 2960 | \$200.00 | Ohio Edison |
| 1098 | 2961 | \$100.00 | Sheets Gas Card* |
| 1099 | 2962 | \$201.65 | Dom gas |

IV. DISCUSSION

The group had discussion on the following topics

- *Gas card for Stage 4 cancer patient to travel to Cleveland Clinic for chemo treatments.
- June call – help for Veteran and family very behind on utility bill. SJC helped along with Hilltop Church and Mantua Center Christian Church. Catholic Charities and Salvation Army will be helping as well.
- Let Fr Ed know if ever more is needed than funds available and he will look for other resources.
- Clothing collection went well for month of May.
- Pastoral plan discussion – changes-support each other-more information to follow.
- Negativity- keep in mind the impact of it, where does it come from and how destructive it can be.
- Ox Roast Fair- Pro Life Booth-Peg Haney- Sisterhood will sponsor a raffle basket. Ron will donate his handmade walking sticks and Jan's daughter will do face painting. Profits go to SJC.

V. CLOSING PRAYER– Angie

VI. ADJOURNMENT @ 8:05 PM

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6, 2019. No meeting in July.

**St. Joseph Cares
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 6, 2019
7:00 PM**

Present: Angie Daczko, Joe Daczko, Jean Wojtecki, Pat Strainer, Lynn Kelley, and Jeannine Maczko.

VI. OPENING PRAYER – Joe

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion to approve the meeting minutes of the June 2019 meeting, motion passed, all in favor, motion carries

VIII. *TREASURER'S REPORT*

Reported an ending May balance of \$1,777.97. June/July Deposits of \$3,392.64, and June/July Cases \$3,645.46, resulting in a balance of \$1,525.15, at the end of July. Cases for June/July below.

| Case | Check No. | Amount | Purpose |
|------|-----------|------------|---------------------------------|
| 1100 | 2963 | \$350.00 | Electric |
| 1101 | 2964 | \$1,600.00 | Funeral expense* |
| 1102 | 2965 | \$200.00 | Electric |
| 1103 | 2966 | -0- | Ck void |
| 1104 | 2967 | \$200.00 | Walmart GC-food, ck to cash-Jan |
| 1105 | 2968 | \$114.50 | Electric |
| 1106 | 2969 | \$297.00 | Electric |
| 1107 | 2970 | \$274.00 | Dominion Gas |
| 1108 | 2971 | \$184.51 | Kent Water Dept |
| 1109 | 2972 | \$92.00 | Rent |
| 1110 | 2973 | \$100.00 | Gas card/ck to cash-Jan |
| 1111 | 2974 | \$233.45 | Electric |

IX. DISCUSSION

The group had discussion on the following topics

- Group welcomed new visitor, Pat Strainer.
- Joe explained details of SJC to Pat.
- Pat would like to use her musical talent someplace for people to enjoy. We will explore possibilities for her.
- Angie reviewed the treasury report and took picture to send to Patty for minutes. *funeral expense was covered by two online donations for the family amounting to \$1,810.00*
- Jan had to leave. September 12th is 1st Portage County-Resources of the Community. There will be a table for St. Joe's. Jan would like to have volunteers work on the 12th. It will be held at the Haven of Portage County in Ravenna. She will have the St. Joe's flier at the table.
- Hopefully we will have the donations from the Ox Roast in the next few weeks from the sale of the walking sticks and jewelry.
- Read Ron's note to Jan and Angie. Angie will forward to Patty.
- Blessing bags were given to Debbie by Angie.
- Share Table of vegetables and fruit will start this week.
- All prayed for the prayer intentions read by Jeannine

V. CLOSING PRAYER– Joe

VI. ADJOURNMENT @ 8:10 PM

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 3, 2019.

**St. Joseph Cares
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 3, 2019
7:00 PM**

Present: Angie Daczko, Joe Daczko, Jean Wojtecki, Jan Seljan, Lynn Kelley, and Jeannine Maczko.

X. OPENING PRAYER – Joe

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion to approve the meeting minutes of the August 2019 meeting, motion passed, all in favor, motion carries.

XII. *TREASURER'S REPORT*

Reported an ending June/July balance of \$1,525.15. August Deposits of \$567.00, and August Cases \$1,445.00, plus ck 2948 for \$200 resulting in a balance of \$847.15, at the end of August. Cases for August below.

| Case | Check No. | Amount | Purpose |
|------|-----------|----------|--------------------------------|
| 1112 | 2975 | \$45.00 | Bingo expense for nursing home |
| 1113 | 2976 | \$200.00 | Electric |
| 1114 | 2977 | \$200.00 | Electric |
| 1115 | 2978 | \$200.00 | Water Bill |
| 1116 | 2979 | \$200.00 | Electric |
| 1117 | 2980 | \$200.00 | Electric |
| 1118 | 2981 | \$200.00 | Rent |
| 1119 | 2982 | \$200.00 | Electric |

XIII. DISCUSSION - The group had discussion on the following topics

- Treasurer's report reviewed.
- Jan discussed individual cases. We do have cases of single moms who need help. How can we facilitate tin getting help for them?
- Veteran's Day- think about what we should put in bulletin and write in cards.
- Holiday Party in December-TBD
- Bingo Night-Thank you
- Jeannine is doing sympathy cards
- Mass changes-Get in front of Parish because of new people.
- Clothing drive discussed.
- Jan reported on Haven of Portage Event next week- September 12. Jean volunteered, still looking for more volunteers. There are 26 agencies coming together. SJC will have a table there that Jan will oversee.
- Linda Tayerle helps at the Ravenna clothing center now and has in years past.
- Joe has been in contact with Ron, please continue to pray for him and his family.
- Joe –Pro Life Movement has checked into the movie. He has listened to Fr John Ricardo's podcast. Joe recommends listening to it and will send out the link.
- Consider how we can put the information and word out. Proposes the following:
 - Looking at local marches
 - Bring America back to Life
 - Opportunities to bring it to the public
- Lynn shared a story of her daughter's friend who had considered an abortion, but with Pro Life support, did have the baby.
- Prayer intentions included in closing Prayer.

V. CLOSING PRAYER– Joe

VI. ADJOURNMENT @ 8:15 PM

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 1, 2019.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE NOTES

September 5, 2019

Worship Committee meeting began at 6:00 p.m. with opening prayer. Chairman Chuck Casalicchio, Marianne Berzinskas, Maryanne Fedor, Kathy Paroff, Deacon Gerry Scopilitti, and Amy Powers were in attendance.

Deacon Gerry said he will speak to Sister Joyce about the anointing of the sick. The date is yet to be determined, it was also suggested that perhaps Sister Joyce could lead the fifteen minute formation before the worship committee meeting. There may be books ordered for this purpose.

A concern was brought up about how many worship committee members we actually have. It was suggested maybe a final list of members should be made so that there is consistency within the group. A plan for a resolution of this issue will be discussed further.

It has been suggested that our parish have a dance around October 26, 2019. Due to other events and activities, it is suggested we plan for it as soon as we are able.

The Book of Remembrance was discussed. It needs to be ready by at least October 5, 2019. Kathi Tares will be notified to see which names will appear within the Book so it will be ready on time.

The Blue Mass was discussed and environment set up for that mass also. Baked goods would be needed for sale after the Blue mass in the Narthex for the Appalachian Experience. Any help in that area would be appreciated. Reserved signs for the first three set of pews were discussed as well, and will be put in place before mass begins. Three dozen white carnations, long stem would be ordered for the mass.

It has been brought up that the Responsorial Psalm should be used directly from the Breaking Bread books within our pews as much as possible. If an alternate version is used from the Breaking Bread Book, the page number it is found on should be listed on the hymn boards so that the parishioners will be able to follow along.

It was suggested that Altar servers could look at the colors on the calendar for all masses so that they will have the appropriate colors for their vestments in case there are questions.

The retirement party for Maryanne Fedor was mentioned and the date September 14th 2019 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Hughes Hall. All are welcome.

All Saints Day will be discussed next meeting. Also, Deacon Gerry's Sept 13th Ordination Anniversary was mentioned. At 7:00 closing prayer was read. Next meeting will be October 3, 2019.