St. Joseph's Pastoral Council Minutes
November 4, 2021

Members Present: Clint Weeder (President); Chris Delka; Renee Peters; Chris Unseld; John Hoesing; Julie Wragge; Krista Bailey; Kim Spieker (Rel. Ed); Marilyn Blunck (Altar Soc.); Arnie Venteicher (Finance);
Members Absent: Janneil Knox; Jeff Dvorak

The meeting was called to order by President Clint Weeder with Marilyn leading the prayer.

The October 7, 2021, minutes were presented. A motion was made by John and seconded by Krista to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Reports:

Altar Society: County Government Day was held on November 7 (today's date). Pierce High did not attend. Extra mexi, buns, & bars were frozen for future use by the Youth Group.

Cemetery: A check was received by an anonymous donor for the cemetery road project. It has been deposited into the Cemetery fund and will be used next spring (when the project is completed).

Religious Ed: A confirmation retreat was held at Tintern recently. Youth assisted with yard clean-up on October 30, 2021. Confirmation ceremony will be on an annual basis (parishes cluster together). The Bishop will attend the ceremony every three years.

Finance: Arnie reported overall, general contributions are up 7.5% from last year (timeframe July – September).

Maintenance: No report.

Spiritual Life and Worship (SLAW): December 8 is the end of the year of St. Joseph. It is also a Holy Day of Obligation (Immaculate Conception). There will be a mass at 7:00 pm, with socialization following in the parish center. The Altar Society has been asked to provide snacks for the reception.

Knights of Columbus: No report.

Old Business:

- St. Joseph statute – the deposit was received. Anticipated shipment will be 3-4 weeks. Information will be available to parish members on the statute and those wishing to donate toward the statute.
- Dead grass – will be addressed in the spring when the grass may be re-seeded.
- AED's – Renee has not received any new information to pass on.
- Snow removal - Jeff reached out to Mike Kroupa, but has not yet heard anything back yet.
- Overflow space for Sunday Mass – was decided by SLAW the parish center will not be opened up for overflow during the weekend mass. Extra chairs will be set up instead.
- Lights at parish center and front sign – Jeff evaluated the issue and is checking into supplies.

New Business:

- Speaker System in church – the current system is approximately 5 years old. Electronic Sound, Inc., from Omaha, had installed the system and was out to evaluate the problem (defective front speaker). An estimate of around $2900 was received. A motion was made by Renee and seconded by Julie to have the speaker repaired. Motion passed.
- Parish Center deposits for weddings – After discussion, it was decided to update the Parish Center deposit contract. Costs: $300 deposit (returned if the parish center and church are left in same condition as before rental); $50 non-refunded cleaning fee; $100 for use of the parish center and church use ($50 for electricity, etc., and $50 for cleaning). A motion was made by John and seconded by Krista to approve the new contract. Motion passed.
- Tri-Parish Groups – The Archdiocese will be sending out information on the Lenten program "Live Lent Together". It will consist of small groups, each led by 1-2 adults in the parish. If interested in attending the training to be a group leader, contact Kim. Trainings will be held in January/February, 2022.

Kim made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Chris seconded the motion. Motion passed. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 13, 2022, at 7:00 pm in the parish center.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Blunck
Altar Society President