

St. Joseph's Pastoral Council Minutes

January 20, 2022

Members Present: Fr Tim (via facetime); Deacon Doug Tunink; Clint Weeder (President); Chris Delka; Chris Unseld; Krista Bailey; Kim Spieker (Rel. Ed); Marilyn Blunck (Altar Soc.); Arnie Venteicher (Finance).

Members Absent: Janneil Knox; Jeff Dvorak, Rene Peters, John Hoesing, Julie Wragge.

The meeting was called to order by President Clint Weeder with Deacon Doug leading the group in prayer.

The November 4, 2021, minutes were presented. A motion was made by Chris Unseld and seconded by Krista to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Reports:

Altar Society: Amber Skillstad is the 2022 Altar Society President. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 27th at 7:00 pm in the parish center.

Cemetery: No report.

Religious Ed: Confirmation will be held on an annual basis with the Archbishop attending the ceremony every three years. The Omaha March for Life has been cancelled. Twenty youth plan to take part in the March for Life in Norfolk, on Friday, January 21. First reconciliation for the 2nd graders will be held in February.

Finance: The Christmas collection is up from last year. At this time, finances are in good shape. Recent primary expenditures include the speaker system (\$3,600) and the utility bills.

Maintenance: No report.

Spiritual Life and Worship (SLAW): January meeting to be held next week.

Knights of Columbus: No report.

Fr. Tim's Report:

- There have been baptisms each week this past month. Fr. Tim asked if there was any follow-up from the church. Suggested a letter go out to the family a few months after the baptism as a follow-up. Currently new members to the parish receive a visit from the Welcoming Committee and baby meals are delivered after a new child is born. Reminder to inform Lindsey (parish office) of any new members to ensure they are in the system.
- The Archdiocese will be working on the next phase of parish consolidations. There have been 10 less priests in the diocese this past year due to deaths/retirements/illnesses. A clergy conference will be held in February to start the process of how to handle the decrease of priests in the future. Fr. will report back to the council after the clergy conference.
- Lenten schedules are being formulated (confession/services).

- Fr. Tim had a conversation with Jim of Jim's Fine Wines (Norfolk, NE) about the spirituality of wine and was thinking about trying to do a tri-parish study on this. Perhaps a "Theology on Tap" done every 3 months with a social gathering and learning. Fr asked the council to think about how this could be formulated.

Old Business:

- St. Joseph statue – \$2,135 in donations have been received. Fr. Tim suggested a donation thermometer be posted in the church to generate interest/donations. A delivery date of the statue is unknown.
- AED's – No report
- Snow removal – Garrett Kroupa will take care of the snow removal. He will be compensated for taking care of this task.
- Lights at parish center and front sign – Supplies for the front sign are in. A substitute for the parish center lights is being investigated as they are no longer manufactured.
- Parish deposits for weddings. After some confusion with the suggested fees, it was decided fees will be: \$200/deposit; \$50/cleaning fee; \$100 fee for parish member and \$200/non-parish member. The contract will be rewritten to reflect the fees.
- As noted above, the speaker system has been repaired.

New Business:

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- Live Lent Together – Program from the Archdiocese consisting of small groups, each led by 1-2 adults in the parish. These scripture-based teachings will focus on relationships with God and sharing this with others. If interested in being a group leader, contact Kim Spieker or Lindsey (at the parish office). A training will be held in Norfolk on February 7, from 6:00 – 8:30 pm.
- The 2021 parish member/family was chosen and will be presented during the 5:30 mass.

Chris Unseld made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Chris Delka seconded the motion. Motion passed. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2022, at 7:00 pm in the parish center.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Blunck
Altar Society President