

## MEETING MINUTES

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Meeting Location: St. Joseph Room

Re: Pastoral Council Meeting

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Date/Time: February 16, 2022, 6:30 pm

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Notes By: Padge Haas

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Attendees: Father Adam Fernandez, Jerry Leveille, Joe Herro, Joe Schueller, Audrey Szews, Wendy Krause, Julie McKendry, and Padge Haas

Excused: Chuck Bongert, Phil Bain, Paul Monson, Arturo Renteria, Joy Towell, Bill Solberg, Mike Patterson, and Tony Mallinger

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A. Meeting started at 6:35 PM with an opening prayer by Father Adam.

### Old Business

- B. "Love One Another" is a capital campaign of the Archdiocese. The amount of money targeted for St. Joseph Parish to raise is \$1,311,441.00. \$786,865 would remain at St. Joseph. This money is to be raised for future expenses, stewardship, education and outreach. If we do not reach the goal St. Joseph will received 60% of what we do raise. The preparation stage will take place in May/June. The fundraising will begin in July. This is being done at this time because the Archdiocese is having a Capital Campaign and we are combining the two efforts. Pastoral Council members need to be reaching out to their committees for needs and wants of the committees. Once our plan is established it cannot be changed. Some suggestions so far include using the money for improvements to the church including a new boiler which will need replacing in a few years, repair to one bell in the bell tower that is not working, for our ministries, for outreach, many wishes for the school including new lockers, some new windows, new ceiling tiles throughout the school, screens for the windows, upgraded internet bandwidth, working window blinds, a window or skylight in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade classroom, upgrading the intercom system and replacing the library furniture.
- C. "Come to Me," is the evangelization program from the Archdiocese. Audrey Szews reported that she had done a zoom session to become familiar with the tools of this program. She did say that 85% of evangelization comes from a personal invitation. Personal interaction appears to be much better than use of the computer. Food is a great incentive to go with the personal invitation.
- D. Communication tool: Jerry Leveille has sent an invitation to the Pastoral Council Members for a new app. It would be used as a way for the council to communicate. We will try it for a while.

- E. The position for St. Joseph School Principal has been advertised statewide. The key words the search committee is using are community, faith, education and service. So far, they have heard from six applicants.
- F. The Stewardship Committee made announcements at the weekend Masses on February 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> which was well received. One usher and two lectors stepped forward with interest in the job. To get additional people involved a personal invitation should be extended.

### **New Business**

- G. The Parish Auction is coming in March. The Pastoral Council usually puts together a basket for the auction. It was decided it would be a "Mystery Basket." Jerry will be sending out additional information to the council members.
- H. The Leadership Group that is looking at tools available from the Archdiocese has not met since January. At this point they need to figure out what they want to do and who they are serving. Once they have a plan they will come to the Pastoral council for help. Some of the money we pay to the Stewardship Appeal helps pay for the help we receive from the Archdiocese in this endeavor. St. Joseph parish was about to start this process when the pandemic hit. It has been on hold since then.
- I. The Communications Committee has been talking about doing a survey of the parish to address many topics including getting people back to church, Mass attendance, day school and religious ed programs and what people are thinking about our parish. There was a discussion on when and how this should be done. It is a work in progress at this point.
- J. The Prayer and Worship Committee has recommended that there be a silent prayer time in church after Mass. Visiting would be in the vestibule or outside. They are working with Father Adam on this. It will start the beginning of Lent.
- K. Our parish used to have something to recognize volunteers, including an individual adult and a youth recognized for their contributions. This has not happened for the past couple of years. Jerry Leveille said he would like to bring this back.
- L. Next Pastoral Council meeting will be March 16<sup>th</sup>.
- M. Jerry Leveille closed the meeting with a prayer.
- N. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.