

**Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 13, 2018**

Present: Fr. Mike Anderson, Pastor; Jeff Rutz, Chair; Val Berwald; Maggie Arnevik; Ron Peterson; Amy Moore; Kelly Summerville; Bob McMullan; Paul Siler; and Don Trudeau

Excused: Paul Lillyblad, John Carney, LeAnn Zogg

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.

Commission Reports:

Finance Commission: Paul Siler provided a written report indicating that our financial outlook is positive. (Attached). Amy stated the increased giving program is becoming part of the culture at St. Joseph. Our Sunday Visitor is tracking the giving and is happy to provide support and reports. Discussion about reaction of the congregation to the program; people are noticing. The finance commission will receive the final projected costs for the new rectory tomorrow.

Social Justice Commission: Ron passed out a written handout updating council members of the ongoing programs of the Social Justice Commission. (Attached).

Faith Formation Commission: Ryan is rebuilding the Faith Formation Commission currently. NET Ministries: There is nothing new going on there yet. They may not pick up St. Joseph this year. There are only 3 NET teams dedicated to the Twin Cities area and they tend to continue with current partners, but will pick us up in the future if we continue to demonstrate a desire to work with them.

Liturgical Commission: Hospitality training is scheduled for 4/7/18 at 9:00 a.m. Ushers and hospitality ministers will be learning how to operate the AED and other safety issues. There will also be a focus on hospitality, encouraging new lectors, and Eucharistic ministers, etc.

Facilities Commission: Kelly Summerville joined us on Parish Council as the Facilities Commission representative.

Parish Council Leadership Handbook and Constitution:

Everyone is Virtus trained and has signed the Code of Conduct form. Leadership handbooks and the constitutions were handed out. Each member was tasked to take these documents back to the commissions and find out if the guidelines matches what the commissions are currently doing. Amy asked for feedback regarding what to add and what to take away. Make copies for your commissions to present at the next meeting. Note the new organizational chart. All commission members should sign a Code of Conduct Document and submit it to Amy.

Go through the document. Read it. Focus on the Mission Statement. We want to focus more on that this year to follow up with the listening sessions of late 2017. Our future meetings should look at where

we are going and where we want to be. Look at the Preamble of the constitution. Listen to the Holy Spirit. What is the Spirit calling us to do? Speak to those things that generate a fire in your heart. We want to focus on things that individuals of this group feel passionately about.

There was a spirited discussion regarding holding a Sunday evening Mass at St. Joseph. The benefits presented were: the ability to attract more people to St. Joseph; while other area churches have a Sunday evening Mass during the school year, they do not do that during the summer; this could be a service that is a little more modern and perhaps will bring inactive members back to church. On the other hand, the things to be considered are: why do the other churches not continue services during the summer?; what will the new service do to the critical mass/energy of other Masses? The conclusion is that it is a possibility that needs further study.

Amy handed out notes from the listening sessions and Long Term Vision and Strategies for St. Joseph of The Lakes Discussion Document. (Attached).

Next meeting scheduled for April 3, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Berwald

Pastoral Commission Secretary

**Finance Commission Report
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Financial update:

- Total regular collections since 2012 have been \$1.1M per year.
- Due to the Increased Giving Campaign last year, we increased our budget by \$100,000.
- Through February, collections are up \$86,000, so we are on track to beat the budget.
- Increased Giving Campaign just completed resulted in increased pledges of \$117,000. Fair to count on half of that being realized in increased collections.
- Total expenses through February are slightly under budget.
- Mortgage balance is \$142,000, down from \$275,000 a year ago.

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Social Justice Commission

Upcoming:

March 17-18 Denise will speak at masses about the shipments of FMSC food and a second collection will be taken. Afterwards we will sell tickets for the Fashion Show.

March 21 presentation given by the 8th graders on social justice.

April 7-8 – Joel Juarez will be here from Believe Guatemala and speaking at masses. On April 8 we will be (our commission and some of the FF staff) hosting a dinner for Believe Guatemala.

April 15 – Medal Mass and Fair Trade Sale, Bake Sale, and Breakfast.

May 12 – 10AM Fiesta of Fashion – to raise money for the food shipments, Believe Guatemala, and the mission trip.

Some good news is we were able to ship the first two containers of FMSC food to Guatemala. The tough news is that it can't get there soon enough. There are some dire cases of starvation and malnutrition.



Notes from the listening sessions

Words and or ideas that are missing:

- Prayer
- Communication/messaging
- Small Groups
- Sacraments and Baptism "Called"

Ideas and passions that should be included:

-Messaging and relevant messages coming from the Church the community. This was by far the most mentioned topic. What the parishioners meant by messaging was what they are hearing in the homily and liturgy should cause them to think and motivate them for the next week. Not to be afraid to tackle or address the "hot topics." It was also mentioned that whatever topic was being covered would also be talked about in Adult Faith Formation opportunities and Elementary. The hope being to keep a certain thing on the minds of the entire household.

-Work with millennials and how do parents talk to their now grown children. The overall focus was how to bring back the lost or fallen away but this age group was singled out as being the largest and most in need.

-There were several conversations about making sure that we are not isolating age groups. "The dedicated amazing space" was brought up in reference to this. The fear was 2 fold: First, that it would further create more silos of ministry and faith formation. Second, this would require ministries for each age group to transition out of and into, work that does not seem possible.

-Eaglebrook and our relationship to them. How do we address the Elephant in the room and learn best practices from them. At the same time, realizing they are not competition but brother in Christ.

-Continued approaches to listen to the parish so that the direction the parish is on can be evaluated and parishioners can voice their concerns/frustration and or joys.

-Continue to look at how we are a part of the larger Community and how do we help shape and change Lino Lakes area.

-Small groups and re-energizing them.

- All about the WHY – Why go to Mass? Why help out those in need? Why participate?
- Stress the importance of being part of the bigger church
- Importance of having a Legacy Endowment Fund
- Start small groups at a very young age
- Goal for people to leave with a feeling of community. This is giving me joy and a way to share love, with a sense of being part of something bigger than ourselves.
- Suggested to change first sentence from “In 15 years.....” to “Over the next 15 years.....”

Long Term Vision and Strategies for St. Joseph of the Lakes

Discussion Document

In 15 years we want St. Joe's to be a faith community, centered in the Eucharist, comprised of families of all ages that minister to all peoples in our community. We want our environment to actively engage people across our entire community so they feel connected to St. Joe's. We want our campus to be seen as a Community Center where youth and adults of all walks of life can gather to further their journey towards a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

- The Eucharist will be the source and summit of our lives
- The Liturgy will be celebrated in a way that welcomes, inspires, heals, catechizes and does not judge
- We will offer a variety of liturgical experiences each weekend that appeal to a broad range of people
- Our Faith Formation programs will provide significant and varied opportunities for experiential learning as well as extensive opportunities for group interactions
- We want our campus to be seen as a "Family Center" where each age group has a dedicated "Amazing Space" and where there are extensive opportunities for intergenerational interaction
- We want our environment to encourage youth and young adults to be passionate and fully engaged in church life
- Our parish pastoral care community will offer an inclusive spiritual climate of comfort, healing, and attentive listening for individuals of all ages and walks of life
- As we encounter Christ in the Eucharist we will grow in our ability to be a generous and giving parish affecting positive change in both our local and global community