

**We the people of St. Joseph of the Lakes Catholic Church, as Christ's Body,
Strive to be the heart, hands and feet of Jesus Christ.**

Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Present: Fr. Mike Anderson, Pastor; Bob McMullan Vice-Chair, Sheila Bianconi, Valerie Berwald, Ron Peterson, Amy Moore, Kelly Summerville, Joshua Bohl, Don Trudeau, Paul Siler, George Burr, Georgia Mundis

Excused: Maggie Arnevik, John Carney, LeAnn Zogg

Prayer: Romero's Prayer "It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view....."

Business:

1. Individual Commission Reps shared updates on their commission's response to brainstorming suggestions and current initiatives:
 - a. Fr. Mike reported for Faith Formation Commission. Denise Walsh has been offered a new position at St. Joes – to focus full time on Social Justice Ministry. She will no longer direct the Faith Formation Grades 7 – 10 or Confirmation Program beginning June 1. Jennifer Parlin has resigned effective June 1 her position of Early Childhood Faith Formation. The commission chair and staff are meeting on April 5 to discuss staffing restructure. The entire commission is meeting in mid-April to discuss next steps.
 - b. Ron Peterson reported that the Social Justice Commission is quite busy. They are assessing current offerings to ensure that all are adequately functioning. They met with Pastoral Care commission to learn more about the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Discussing next steps – perhaps sharing their mission with the broader parish to determine if others would be interested in stepping in to take on St. Vincent de Paul.
 - c. Valerie Berwald reported on Pastoral Care – the Memory Café is meeting again next Friday. They have 14 volunteers excited about the ministry. Val is taking the lead on looking into transportation options for parishioners. She shared that their commission discussed having the new parish Mission Statement be published widely and frequently in order to get it on people's minds.
 - d. Sheila Bianconi reported on Marketing and Communications – they are having a meeting next week. Branding and Technology issues are on the forefront. New members of the commission are looking at technology campus –wide.
 - e. Don Trudeau reported that the Liturgy Commission is currently working on two projects: Looking for a lighter weight processional cross – they currently have a donor who will give \$1000 towards a new one. This will allow younger acolytes to carry the processional cross without worry. Also, there has been a request to add more hours for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Historic Church. Liturgy commission is looking at the need for additional security if this were to happen – who would have keys, safety of individuals at adoration, protecting the monstrance/Blessed Sacrament, as well as other precious metals and items in the church.

- f. Kelly Summerville reported that Facilities is planning to make improvements to the Great Hall kitchen ceiling this Spring before the Summer Festival. Their commission is meeting next week. They will be looking at budgeting needs/available funds.
 - g. Paul Siler reported that the Finance Commission is meeting on April 16 to begin the budget process for 2020.
- 2. Community Growth – Discussion on how to get the Good News about St. Joe’s out to the wider community. Ideas that were suggested include:
 - a. Feed stories to the Quad Press / send them our Monthly Activity email
 - b. Spend some funds on “advertising” in various Social Media outlets
 - c. Radio KTIS/EWTN or Digital Billboard advertising
 - d. Post videos of sermons on our You Tube Channel. Promote to community that “This is the Gospel message we’re preaching!”
 - e. Include children in the liturgy more often – success of Epiphany program, children bringing food up during offertory for example. Re-generate the children’s choir – perhaps include music during Faith Formation and have specific grades sing at designated masses. Have a Grandparent’s Sunday
- 3. Other:
 - a. Welcome to Georgia Mundis, the new chair of the Faith Formation Commission and Parish Council Rep for Faith Formation.
 - b. George Burr shared that the Deanery is selecting a rep to report to Archbishop Hebda for the Lay Advisory Board. George was out of town and unable to attend the initial meeting.
 - c. Thank you to all who prepared, served and cleaned up for the Soup Supper tonight. It was a great success.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 7, 2019 Mass at 6:30 pm in Historic Church / Meeting to follow in Room 105/106.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Moore