

# **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 Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting - Tuesday, January 7, 2020**

**Present:** Fr. Mike Anderson, George Burr, Joshua Bohl, Amy Moore, Paul Siler, Sheila Bianconi, John Carney, Cheri Brausen, Ron Peterson, David Lorier, LeAnn Zogg, Keith Sjostrom, Robert McMullan, Don Hohn, Kelly Summerville

1. **Opening Prayer:** The meeting was opened with prayer
2. **Minutes** were approved from the November meeting.
3. **Visioning:** Parish Visioning Meeting Handout (Appendix 1)
  - a. Parish Meeting Key Takeaways:
    - i. Stronger programming in all ministries
    - ii. Financial aspects of future building/ renovation and debt
    - iii. Physical space needs for growing parish needs
    - iv. Volunteer base – need growth of volunteers
      1. New people to participate
      2. Ministry job fair/ create ways to ask
      3. Volunteer coordinator position
      4. Mentorship and create volunteer opportunities
      5. Real time requests for help and assistance – short term opportunities
    - v. Young Families
      1. Focus on young families and community growth
      2. Create family friendly activities and events
      3. Engage family faith formation and build community
      4. Create open space for activity (toys, games, balls, etc.)
  - b. Parish Council focus for Visioning:
    - i. Communication – future meetings, announcements, hold a listening event on Faith Formation night, follow up with parishioners.
    - ii. Create conversation dialogue about our future, report back to congregation “what you said, what we heard”
    - iii. Market ourselves: Catholic, what makes us unique, different and special
  - c. **Identify Core Areas**
    - i. **Seamless Family Faith Formation programming**
      1. **Youth through Adulthood**
      2. **Cohesive programming**
      3. **Long term/ life-long faith programming**
    - ii. **Organize and Educate about Parish outreach programs we participate in -**
      1. **Awareness, Engagement and Participation**
      2. **Promote each program, make it happen**
      3. **Organization**
    - iii. **Building / Facility**
      1. **Create/ update facility plan**
      2. **Faith Formation needs**
      3. **Take the best ideas and present to the congregation**
      4. **Develop a plan - Beginning stage: create the plan and share – 1 year**
      5. **Security enhancement**
    - iv. **Marketing/ Promotion**
      1. **Ways to promote our Parish within and community wide**
    - v. **Senior - Programming, needs, faith journey**

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**4. Synod Update:**

- a. Listening sessions: the sessions are well attended
  - i. Additional dates are available in January, February, March to attend.
  - ii. Promotion through bulletin, web site, and posters in gathering space
- b. Video: Joshua Bohl promoted the Synod listening sessions and opportunities through a video that was shown at Masses on January 4/5.
- c. Disciple Maker Index – Survey will be promoted in January for distribution in February to parishioners, available as a print copy or online form.
- d. Pre-Synod talks will be scheduled for fall 2020

**5. Commission Updates:**

- a. Faith Formation – Keith Sjostrum
  - i. Faith Formation Visioning
  - ii. Discussed the need for a cohesive, comprehensive faith formation programing which encompasses all age ranges (youth to senior). Keith will take PPC recommendation back to the Faith Formation Commission and Staff.
- b. Justice and Charity – Ron Peterson
  - i. Social Justice/ Charity Visioning
  - ii. Reviewed “what we do and why”
- c. Liturgy – Don Hohn
  - i. Library committee have reviewed books in Parish Library.
- d. Facilities – Kelly Summerville
  - i. Discussed facility needs list and project priorities
  - ii. Handout for Facility Commission projects reviewed.
  - iii. Exterior lighting has been completed
- e. Pastoral Care – Cheri Brausen
  - i. Commission is reaching out to parishioners for information regarding needs and desires.
    - 1. Evaluating the need for a bus for transportation
  - ii. Handicap parking increase available spaces
  - iii. Research valet parking
  - iv. Memory care issues survey
  - v. Caregiver support
- f. Finance –
  - i. Amounts came in as budgeted for Christmas flowers and expenses.
  - ii. Reviewed budget and offertory information.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 pm. Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 – Mass at 6:30 pm - Meeting at 7pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joshua Bohl, Secretary/ LeAnn Zogg, Trustee/ Scribe

Appendix 1 - Parish Visioning Meeting - By Topic