

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, September 10, 2019

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

1. **Opening Prayer:** The meeting was opened with prayer. New member Cheri Brausen, Pastoral Care Commission, was welcomed to PPC.
2. **Minutes** were approved with following changes: LeAnn Zogg will serve as Recording Scribe. Joshua Bohl was elected as PPC Secretary.
3. **Preparations for Archdiocesan Synod:** 2021 Pentecost Weekend Synod is Scheduled.
 - a. 2-year preparation process where topics for Synod are gathered and developed
 - b. Listening Church Sessions: Fall 2019 – March 2020
 - i. Archbishop Hebda will be attending scheduled listening sessions
 - ii. Parish staff and laity input of concerns and future of Archdiocese
 - iii. PPC, staff and church members are invited to attend Listening sessions
 - c. Ambassadors: 12 members from each Parish serve as Ambassadors
 - i. Help develop and guide dialogue with local church/ parishes to gather topics of concern and discussion, help to gather data and information.
 - ii. Training sessions for Ambassadors
 - iii. 2-year commitment
 - iv. Small groups in local church – will meet 8 times.
4. **Visioning Process for Parish Pastoral Council:** To develop a vision for upgrading/ enhancing/ transforming St Joseph's campus and facilities to meet the future needs of St Joseph Catholic Church.
 - a. Reviewed January brainstorming activities/ listing/ and area assignments
 - b. Visioning Work goal – June 2020
 - c. Starred areas: Develop educational wing, staff space, create meeting space, AV Technology, Banquet Space, Special Ministry Space, Expand the Gather space, Plan for growth.
 - d. General Goals: Make a 10-15-year plan that focuses on meeting future needs.
 - i. Create a vision and build how to get there.
 - ii. Commit and empower our parish future and make it happen – grow towards what we want St Joseph to become. Vision comes first, then create the steps needed to make it happen. Active role now creates the first steps.
 - iii. Cultivate community growth and active participation.
 - iv. Technology Needs
 - e. How do we start?
 - i. Subcommittee (8-10 people)
 1. Collect information and input from parish
 2. Facilitate process to gain information
 3. List: What is present? What is not?
 4. How do we build a broad, interactive parish and future?
 - ii. Directed listening groups throughout Parish
 1. What do we need in our future?
 2. What can we do to aid growth at St. Joes?
 3. How can we get input from our Parish at large?
 - a. Survey
 - b. All ministry groups
 - c. Hire Professional Consultant

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4. How to compile information?
 - a. Professional Consultant: can facilitate data gathering and large information data processing
 - b. Diocesan Recommendations
 - i. City Planners/ Council/ Speakers
 - ii. Share data gathered for areas of Blaine, Lino Lakes, Ham Lake
 - iii. Complacency concerns:
 1. When large goals are accomplished, complacency and the idea of "Done" can develop. Limits forward thinking into the future.
 - a. PPC can create the next goal
 - b. Inspire direction and enthusiasm for "what next"
 - iv. Challenges:
 1. Storage limitations
 2. Office space
 3. Educational building area limitations and challenges
 4. Lack of space availability and allocation
 5. Lack of performance space
 6. Gym – used as everything except a gym
 7. Gathering space – create space improvement and utilization
 - v. PPC:
 1. Plan our dream
 - a. Accomplish overall dream in phases
 - b. Be brave and lead to the future
 - c. Embark on a direction and be courageous, let the work of the Holy Spirit happen through each of us.
5. **Commission Updates:**
 - a. *Community Life:*
 - i. Annual Calendar, visioning discussions, Video: groups coming up with ideas.
 - ii. Festival: good attendance
 - b. *Faith Formation:* Current Chair position open
 - c. *Communications:* new ideas forming, technology updates
 - d. *Finance:* Reviewed current financial status – need people to keep giving towards goals. Mortgage paid off but doesn't mean we are "done" – still have expenses, building updates and future projects.
 - e. *Facility:* Wood work refinishing progressing well. Waiting approval on several items. Hiring Part Time Facilities person.
 - f. *Justice/ Charity:* On going activities, reviewing areas with visioning process and expanding ideas, Worksheet developed to gather information.
 - g. *Pastoral Care:* Commission reviewing programs and making changes, outreach to parishioners in need and identifying what those needs are, Survey idea to assess what are identified needs, wants, group activities and transportation
6. **PPC Secretary:**
 - a. Joshua Bohl was elected as PPC Secretary.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 pm. Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 1, 2019 – Mass at 6:30 pm - Meeting at 7pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joshua Bohl, Secretary/ LeAnn Zogg, Trustee/ Scribe