

St. Joseph Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday , October 28th 2020 6:45 p.m.

I. Call to order by Scott.

II. In attendance : Fr. Andy, Scott Bong (Chair), Doug Young (Co-Chair), Judy Wolfe (Sec.), Janis Richardson, Lisa Hollman, Jim Dobrzynski (Trustee), Doug Duley (Trustee)  
Attendance excused: Mike Baum

III. Agenda:

A. Guest Speakers: Annie Collins and Michelle Kreuser, (CFM). Annie reported on the PreK—Grade 5 program. The Child and Family Ministry is operating on a hybrid model of virtual and in person meetings on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. The first Sunday meeting emphasizes the Holy Habits initiative to support parents as the primary source of their children’s formation. The 3rd Sunday is a fellowship breakfast meeting both in person and virtual.

Michelle reported that the Youth Ministry enrollment has dropped slightly this year from 78 to 66. She also reported some of the strategies and challenges of meeting virtually, including the set up of a utube channel. Confirmation classes meet on Sunday night with two new Catechists. A new program called Decision Point has been introduced with positive feedback from parents.

Special projects include: A presentation by Dr. Meske on Holiness and Wellness for CFM Families; Trunk or Treat for Halloween in the parking lot with 78 kids and 28 cars; “Box of Joy” project—-a joint effort by the School and Parish for Christmas gifting. Advent wreath kits to be distributed to construct at home.

There are plans for a Mission Trip in 2021—location TBA, possibly in Milwaukee.

B. Welcome to new Pastoral Council member Lisa Hollman!

C. Committee Updates:

School Advisory Committee: Janis sent SAC minutes from 10/20/2020 in advance of PC meeting. Minutes included: Teacher Report, Principal Report, Accreditation Survey—sent to the Parish, parents and students. There was also consideration of a virtual fundraiser.

Finance Committee: Doug Y. reported that most of the meeting was devoted to the Home School funds, and budget planning. Mary Seefeld reported some practical needs including; shortage of help in the office, cleaning challenges, and need for new copiers. Parish giving remains strong. Stewardship commitment cards will likely be distributed in early November. A variety of possible fundraisers include: A trap shoot, auction, or Amazon Smile. Current school enrollment is at 102, with a goal of 110. Jim and Doug D. reviewed the St. Joseph Parish 2020-2021 budget and Finance Report. Online giving has increased, along with special funding from private donations...putting us in a good place financially. The budget was approved.

D. Lisa Hollman will become the new Liaison for CFM filling the vacancy left by Cheryl Rath. Otherwise, all other Committee Liaisons remain the same.

E. Father Andy's Corner:

Fr. Andy is working on Christmas Mass schedules to accommodate all who wish to attend while maintaining social distance. Final Mass schedules TBA.

An update to the St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Council APPENDIX is needed for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Scott and Judy will collaborate on the update, and submit to Fr. Andy.

F. New Business:

Scott floated the idea of setting goals that might benefit our Parish. This could take the form of a brainstorming session at our January PC Meeting, and/or by using the S.M.A.R.T. goal setting template, which Scott passed out to members.

G. Father Andy led us in our closing prayer.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2020 at 6:45p.m. in the school cafeteria.