

St. Joseph Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, November 18, 2020 6:45 p.m.

- I. Call to order by Scott and opening prayer.
- II. In attendance: Fr. Andy, Scott Bong (Chair), Doug Young (Co-Chair), Judy Wolfe (Sec.), Lisa Hollman, Jim Dobrzynski (Trustee), Doug Duley (Trustee), Deacon Rick Brown. Unable to attend: Janis Richardson
- III. Agenda:
  - A. Guest Speaker: Jim Van Deusen - Director of Music Ministry.

Jim gave an overview of the Music Ministry over his past three years as Director: The Choir grew from 14 to 27 members; Cantors grew from 7 to 17; and School Cantors have grown from 4 to 10. There Have been 3 Praise and Worship Concerts, and 2 other concerts. The music is sourced from the Spirit and Psalm and the Breaking Bread books. Future projects include: a Broadway style musical in February, and the musical, Jesus Christ Superstar, with a target date of April 8th, on Palm Sunday afternoon.

Jim proposed the idea of a Hand Bell Choir with a cost of \$8,200-\$8,500 for a two octave choir, or \$11,000-\$11,500 for a three octave choir. He contrasted this cost with a \$200,000 pipe organ, which he is able to duplicate at this time with his keyboard/synthesizer. The total cost of the Hand Bell Choir would include the bells, music, stands, gloves, polish, and padded table. He said that there is already an interest within the Parish for a Hand Bell Choir, and that he would like to involve students as well.

For Advent, Jim will be using the Mass of Joy and Peace, and for Christmas Masses he will perform two Preludes for each Mass.
  - B. Minutes from the October 28th Meeting were approved.
  - C. The Archdiocese Appendix on Council/Committees was approved.
  - D. Committee Updates:

Human Concerns:  
Minutes from the November 10, 2020 meeting of Human Concerns were sent to council members prior to our Wednesday meeting. Judy reported on highlights from the Human Concerns meeting: Most activities are presently on hold. Donations were made to five local charities @ \$200.00 each. A new initiative to match Parish members in need of help with those who are able to help, came up during the meeting. The logistics of this idea will be discussed at the January 5th meeting of Human Concerns.

Finance Committee:

Doug Young reported that a new Budget Format was presented to the Finance Committee by Ken Streit.

“Happy Birthday Jesus” signs will be sold on December 5th and 6th.

Instead of ‘Presents Under the Tree’, donations of gift cards will be made to ERA for Seniors through Human Concerns.

Commitment Cards are being returned, and finances remain strong.

Next Finance Meeting will be on January 20, 2021.

E. Father Andy’s Corner:

Father reported on the Raffle Fundraiser. Shelly Wohler serves as Chair and organizer of the event. Approximate sale dates will begin on December 2, 2020 through February 13, 2021. The goal is to sell 2,500 tickets @ \$50 each, which could potentially earn \$70,000 for the Parish.

Pastoral Council members were urged to sign up as greeters for one of the Christmas Masses and to help hand out the “Dynamic Catholic” books after each Mass. Volunteers may sign up online or call the Parish Office.

Father Andy reported on the number of Priests serving in the Milwaukee Archdiocese. Although there has been a decrease in Priests since 2003; the current Ordination Class numbers are relatively equal to the number of Priests retiring.

Father mentioned two events available to young men interested in learning more about the Priesthood. The St. Andrew Dinner and also a Weekend Retreat sponsored by the Archdiocese.

F. Our meeting closed with prayer led by Fr. Andy.

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2021, with Carol Mengel, Human Concerns Chair, as our guest speaker.

