

St. Joseph Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 27, 2021 6:45 p.m.

1. Scott called the meeting to order and led us in opening prayer.
2. In attendance: Fr. Andy, Scott Bong (Chair), Doug Young (Co-Chair), Judy Wolfe (Sec.), Lisa Hollman, Janis Richardson, Jim Dobrzynski (Trustee), Doug Duley (Trustee), Deacon Rick Brown, Joe Hollman-Parishioner, Mike Baum-unable to attend.
3. Guest speaker Judith Dorava and Chair Carol Mengel gave us an overview of The Human Concerns Committee. Judith read the Human Concerns Mission Statement and listed their many forms of outreach to those in need locally and within our Parish. These include get well cards, The Hope Center Meal Program, Mukwonago Food Pantry, Bingo at the Muskego Nursing Home, Pro-Life initiatives, and Funeral Luncheons. Money from parish contributions is donated to worthy charities in our area. Prayer Shawl Ministry involves up to 25 women who knit their love and prayers into shawls that are given to those who are experiencing illness. The Prayer Shawl Ministry has also sponsored our Women's Night of Reflection at the beginning of Advent, where they also sell hand crafted items and wonderful mittens sewn from recycled sweaters. Proceeds from that sale and other sales during the year are donated to the parish for special items; from our new Chalice to new tables in the Parish Hall. Many of their activities have been on hold during 2020 due to Covid.
4. Capacity issues and Covid guidelines were addressed by Joe Hollman, followed by an open discussion on how to balance a welcoming parish environment with safety guidelines. It was concluded that this issue requires ongoing review on how to communicate and implement safety guidelines in a reasonable way.
5. Old business:
 - a. Minutes from the November 18, 2020 were approved.
 - b. Committee Updates:

Doug Young reported that parish finances are in good shape. Commitment card returns at this point, are at 20% compared to 31% from last year. There are now 1,323 Mega Raffle tickets sold. The PPP loan has been received, but the loan forgiveness has not yet been received. Two fund raisers are in the works: A Home and School Auction, and a Music Ministry Concert. Unfortunately we have a flat roof leak in the school and hallway with an estimated repair of \$75,000. Doug also presented the semi-annual Bingo report for review.

Janis reported that the By-Laws were approved for the SAC, and that ACT 143 Safety Assessment is underway. She also reminded us that this is Catholic Schools Week.

Lisa reported that the CFM Turning Point Program continues to meet with a 50/50 split of virtual and in person meetings. The Holy Habits cards are also an ongoing program. The Youth Group Retreat successfully took place in a modified form this year; and members of the youth group are still continuing to log in service hours. The live streaming system has been improved with updated equipment.
 - c. Funfest: We discussed what Funfest 2021 might look like in uncertain times. Since Funfest's main purpose is for Fellowship and Fundraising, it was suggested that we focus on Fellowship in 2021; as

the Mega Raffle will probably cover the proceeds generated by Funfest. Doug Young volunteered to head a group to look at the possibility of a scaled down event, i.e. a parish picnic or concert venue. It was suggested we lock in a date ASAP since other parishes may be pushing their festivals into August.

6. New Business:

a. Raffle update: To date, 1,323 tickets have been sold. All prize money has been covered, and now all proceeds are revenue for the parish.

b. New Council member: Marianne Fink has submitted her statement of intent to join the Parish Pastoral Council. She will join us at our February 24th meeting for an informal orientation and a time for Q&A.

c. New Council Member Recruitment Plan/Timetable for 2021: There was discussion of using nomination cards in the pews, and also person to person recruitment. Scott and Judy will coordinate the recruitment in March. There will be 2 PC positions to fill.

7. Fr. Andy's report: Small Groups will resume meeting during Lent with a focus on, 'The Gift of Sunday'. There will be 3 Ash Wednesday services: 8:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m., and one only for the school. Ashes will be shaken on the head rather than signed on the forehead. Stations of the Cross will be on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. during Lent. There will be online sign up for Easter services. Father suggested a possible 'scavenger hunt' in conjunction with The Year of St. Joseph. He also plans to introduce 'Living Your Strength'—a survey to identify individual strengths to interpret our gifts. Initially, this will be made available to Staff members.

8. Goals for Council: Scott introduced the idea of having an extra Healing Mass during the year, perhaps at a midweek Mass. He also proposed a rule change to allow married couples to serve together on Pastoral Council. Current rules from the Archdiocese do not allow a married couple to serve together. Judy also suggested that we celebrate the Year of St. Joseph by distributing a St. Joseph prayer card to members of our parish. A second idea was to revive the use of our Parish Library.

9. Father Andy led us in our closing prayer.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 6:45 in the Parish Hall.

