**Meeting Minutes**

St. Joseph the Worker

Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

5:30-7:00pm

In attendance: Fr. Joseph Molloy, Sr. Judy Pfile, Gavin Davis, Rob Flesher, Rachel Green, Pat Kornfeld, Ben Kwedar, Liz Reef, Debbie Shawgo, Grace Ann Thomas, Jennifer Trapani

Opening prayer led by Grace Ann Thomas

Pastoral Council member group photo

Review and approve February, 2023 meeting minutes

* Minutes are approved. Date of next meeting and next meeting prayer leader will be added to notes.

Fr. Joe updates

* Communion from the Chalice will come back the first weekend of May. All ministers responded to Father’s survey. Over half were comfortable with responsibilities. 2 extra ministers were added to future Masses. Will take a while to see how many people are comfortable with receiving.
* Last week was the radio dinner in Decatur at which Kramer Soderberg (Milliken Men’s Basketball Coach) gave a talk on his book, “Fill my Cup Lord”. Fr. Rick said was very good. Review was the content was excellent.
  + Council agrees with pursuing having him deliver a mission.
  + Sunday night might be when most are available. September would be a good month.
  + Fr. will reach out
* Fr. Joe will send out schedule to council on Eucharistic Celebration
* Fr. Joe asked about things/activities in Gathering Space before and after Mass. Can sign-up be digital?
  + In the past, anything having to do with money had to be in the North Vestibule, but sign-up sheets were allowed in the Gathering Space.
  + Council will reflect and seek feedback on what is allowed in the Gathering Space.
* Fr. Joe talked to Diocese about Eucharistic Miracles display. There are 157 panels.
  + 15 bags of panels. Each bag has approximately 8-9 panels.
  + Suggest long tables.
  + Council suggests doing half of the panels.
  + Pat will call Cindy at the Diocese about which are the most popular. Will ask Cindy also about information to be put out in our and other church bulletins.
  + Would probably need 1 SUV to transport
  + Pickup and delivery to SJW will be made on Thursday, May 11, with setup on the afternoon of May 12. Scheduled display times were decided to be 2-7pm on Saturday 5/13 and 9am-2pm on Sunday 5/14.
  + Office can send out information to other churches in the area.
  + Fr. Joe will contact the Clarion to put a blurb advertising it as well.
* How are we going to get people to write on what does the Eucharist mean to them?
  + Sr. Judy will email suggested names and invite them to participate.
  + Results could be placed in bulletin and NYCU, and these reflections could be displayed on the church screens.

New Business

* Additional bid from ID Signs and Watchfire
  + ID Signs quote is **more** expensive than ACE’s middle tier.
  + Ben is working with Watchfire to see if it is better to go directly through them.
  + Should we continue with this project?
    - Explanation by Fr. Molloy on the Jubilee fund and its designated use.
  + With the possibility of a new sign the Council discussed the design of a different parish logo that would be more representative of St. Joseph Parish. Ben will talk to Phil Mulford at ACE about a logo for general use at SJW. Besides using a new logo for the digital sign structure, it could probably be used for our website and parish publications.

Old Business

* Further Discussion about the Revive Parish program, Millennials and Gen Z back to church. Brainstorm young adults, events and projects that would appeal to the targeted generations.
* Research parishes with similar demographics that have implemented the program and ascertain the outcome.
  + Grace Ann did some research. Cathedral has The Forge. Grace Ann will call the Cathedral to see how their group works, if we can join together, etc.
* 2024 Parish Mission speaker suggestions were discussed.
  + Grace Ann and Liz shared some Mission speakers that they found on the internet
  + Sr. Judy shared that it could even be different people different nights.
  + Parish Council agreed to go local for a speaker in 2024 and to seek suggestions for a more well-known option for 2025. Sr. will follow up with a couple local suggestions.

Date of next meeting: 4/24/2023

Next meeting prayer leader: Jennifer Trapani