

St. Joseph the Worker
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2023

Opening prayer – Ben Kwedar

Review and approve June 2023 meeting minutes

Minutes are presented for review. Motion to approve made by Rob Flesher, motion seconded by Debbie Shawgo. All Pastoral Council members indicated their approval.

Fr. Joe Updates

- Office and church roof should be done sometime this week.
 - Metal roof parts will become shingled
 - Leakage above women's restroom will be fixed by Henson Robinson
- Work to improve outside water drainage will begin after the roof repair is completed
- Kathy Szamocki last day is this coming Thursday, 8/31. Sue Coombe will take over managing Facebook posts until a replacement decision is made.
- Grace Stenke has begun as the Youth coordinator.
- Mission Update (Lent 2024, 6:30-7:30pm)
 - Fr. Marty (Jerseyville) will talk about "Faith and Family". Said yes for 2nd night.
 - Fr. Braden (Vandalia) will be on "Prayer and You". Said he would think about it.

New Business

Discussion on the return of the offertory baskets

- Fr. Joe on background
 - Theological- an offering of our treasure. If you don't bring up the money gifts you are not bringing up all the gifts.

Discussion Suggestions:

- Suggestion made to place two more offertory boxes in the vestibule
 - Perhaps having them signed better
 - Could have offering envelopes next to or attached to box. The church already has the offering envelopes.
- Passing the collection baskets could lengthen the mass 5-8 minutes
- Would have to train hospitality volunteers and would have to have one more hospitality volunteer
- Could have a box or basket containing the offerings brought up with the gifts
- Could do the passing of the collection baskets during Easter and Christmas
- Council votes to approve adding extra offertory boxes with envelopes next to or attached to the offertory boxes.

Expanding Pre-school days/hours

- Fr. Joe experience with pre-school
 - Explained his experience at Holy Family when they changed from part-time to full-time every week day.
 - Current pre-school staff would not be in favor of the change
 - Current space and accommodations would not be big enough. Have to have nap time. Could use one of the classrooms but that would mean moving them.
 - Might have to be two different staffs. Pre-school costs would go up, probably 2-3 times as much. Pre-school fees would need to be increased
 - Would need to be the teacher to be the same.

Pastoral Council board officers and members 2024

- Finalizing the officers for 2024, deciding if we need any new members.
- Pat will stay on as President
- Debbie will stay on as Vice President
- Ben will stay on as Secretary.
- Terms- Rob and Jennifer can serve two more years to get us back on schedule
- Gavin will be gone after this year
- Ben will make a spread sheet proposal of terms for board members for next meeting
- Council will revisit bylaws

Old Business

Ben gave a status on digital sign

- Feedback on logo - Recommendations
 - The font size for "St. Joseph the Worker" should be all the same size
 - Would like to have an image of St. Joseph working
 - We like B, Next to Text
 - Placement of "Catholic Church" on bottom of sign.
 - Discussion about backlight cost?
 - Do we want to spotlight the sign?

Update on Young Adult group

- Next meeting planned for 9/17- Noon, Ben will have something in Bulletin.

Saints of the Eucharist

- St Thomas Aquinas, (Jennifer) September 9 & 10 St. Thomas Aquinas has a prayer for students that will be the prayer used before mass for the designated weekend.
- Blessed Carlos Acutis (Gavin) due September 22, presents the weekend of October 7 & 8

No comments or suggestions offered from council members for future consideration.

Closing prayer

Next Meeting September 25, 2023