

**St. Joseph the Worker
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Monday September 25, 2023**

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

Opening prayer lead by Sr. Judy Pfile

August meeting minutes are presented for review. Revisions suggested and noted. Motion to approve minutes with revisions made by Rob Flesher, motion seconded by Gavin Davis. All members noted their agreement.

Fr. Joe Updates

- Thanked the members for their support and prayers for him and his mother Lucia Molloy as she went to her eternal rest with the Lord.
- Church and rectory roofs are finished. Office still waiting for some supplies. Found out why we're having leaks. Estimated that the repair will hopefully not cost more than \$30,000.
- Happy to have Grace Stenke join the staff as Youth Coordinator.
- Year of the Eucharist will be ending. Do we need to continue any of that? Should we expand adoration to the earlier hours, continue Holy Hours. Fr. Joe asks Council to think about how to continue highlighting the Eucharist beyond this year of the Eucharist.
- After a discussion at a recent diocesan meeting attended by Fr. Joe he advised that the passing of offertory baskets will begin again with the first Sunday of Advent.
 - Fr. Joe explained that even though the collection box in the church vestibule seemed to work well, theologically it's a gift and it is recommended the collection be brought up to the altar during the Offertory. It was discussed that the 10:30 mass collection was not brought up in the past due to the counting of the mass collections after the 10:30 mass baskets were passed. It was decided by the Council members and Fr. Joe that the collection would not be brought up to the altar if all three masses could not follow the same procedure.
 - The suggestion of providing donor cards to be dropped in the collection basket for those who make their donation online was discussed. At this time the council did not recommend providing online donor cards in the pews.
 - An announcement about the return of the collection baskets will be published in the bulletin and other appropriate church news venues prior to the beginning of Advent.
 - To accommodate the passing of the collection baskets the church will need one additional hospitality minister at each Mass.

New Business

- Pastoral Council Terms of Service - Ben provided a proposed spreadsheet outlining an adjusted Pastoral Council terms of service to assist in getting the council terms back in line with the Parish Council bylaws. A lapse in following the terms of service occurred during COVID. Without an adjustment 4 members would be leaving in the same year.
- Discussion on proposed schedule created by Ben.
- Council members tentatively agree to most members serving two 6 year terms in order to return to the 3 members on, three members off rule.
- Council discusses that high school members age 16-18 or 19 serve only two years. Council agrees to bring a new high school member in May to replace Gavin. Bylaws will be revised to reflect the new term of service for high school members. Gavin suggested a youth to replace him. Further discussion in the next meeting.

Old Business

- Status on digital sign (Ben)
 - Ben will talk to Ace and get “Catholic Church” added to the Brick. Council would also like “the Worker” the same size as St. Joseph.
 - Ben is waiting on update on what the cost will be with backlighting.
- Update on Young Adult group
 - Only one other couple attended.
 - Will try future events (i.e. Bowling, pre-school park after mass) at later dates.
- Saints of the Eucharist
 - Blessed Carlos Acutis (Gavin) presents the weekend of October 7 & 8.
 - Concludes the Saints of the Eucharist.
- Comments or suggestions from council members for future consideration.
 - New changing table has been added in the restroom by the chapel
 - Don't have a date for future lectures/mission. Fr. Joe will call Father Braden and Fr. Marty
 - Council recommends to have these lectures during Tuesdays instead of during 3 consecutive days. Suggests that there could be an event every Tuesday during Lent.

Closing prayer

Next meeting scheduled for October 23, 2023

Prayer Leader: Liz Reef