

St. Joseph the Worker Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes, August 23, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Mary Beth and was opened with a prayer.

Attendance:

Fr. Joe Malloy, Sr. Judith Pfile, Mary Beth Paulek, Glenda Bequette, Rob Flesher, Sarah May, Carol Gustafson, Rick Kirchgerner. Excused: Amy Schneider Absent: Jennifer Trapani

Pastor's Report

While Fr. Joe is still so new to the parish, he was asked to give his initial assessment of our parish, what he wants to have happen here, etc. Because he had an active Parish Council at his previous parish, we asked for his ideas on how he wishes our council to move forward:

- Fr. has found us to be a very welcoming community, vibrant and willing to help with parish activities. He is excited about helping us move forward.
- In his experience, a good number for a parish council membership is 9 parishioners selected by the council itself, with the Pastor and Pastoral Associate as ad hoc members.
- Members should be a cross section of the make-up of parish—various age groups, interests, skills, etc.
- Fr. wishes us to listen to the pastoral needs of the parish, surface concerns, issues, and identify goals.
- His previous parish had a set of by laws identifying membership, responsibilities, length of term, etc.

Discussion ensued about the by-laws, start time of our meetings, continuation of the social hour after our meetings. The by-laws and meeting start time will be agenda items for our next meeting. Due to COVID concerns, we will dispense with the social hour.

Strategic Plan

- Glenda provided an overview of our 4 goals and how they will drive our Strategic Plan.
- The Parish Council Liaison list was reviewed and members were asked to contact the leader of the various ministries/committees as identified on the list to determine tactics for meeting our four goals. Members are asked to report on their progress at the next meeting.

New Parish Council Members

Several members have opted not to continue on the council post Covid: Mary Beth Lawhorn, Kathleen Koch, David Koch, Holly Grasch. In addition, several members will complete their terms of service at the end of this year: Sara May, Glenda Bequette, Mary Beth Paulek.

Member who will continue in 2021 are: Rob Flesher, Amy Schneider, Rick Kirchgerner, Jennifer Trapani. Carol Gustafson will continue if needed, but her original term is up as well.

If we are going to move forward with a nine-member council, we will need to recruit approximately five new members. In addition, we will need a chairperson, co-chairperson, and recording secretary.

- Fr. Joe would prefer a personal contact with perspective members rather than placing a request for volunteers in the bulletin.
- Members are asked to consider possible new members. Multiple members on the council normally attend 0800 mass; it would be helpful if we could identify some members from other mass times.

Future Meeting Dates

As a reminder, the meetings for the remainder of 2021 re: September 27, October 25, November 15.
Note, the November meeting is being held on the 3rd Monday due to Thanksgiving.

The meeting was closed with prayer and adjourned at 7:50pm.