

## Pastoral Council Meeting Notes

June 27, 2022

Secretary: Ben Kwedar

### Opening Prayer- Debbie Shawgo

### Review and approve May meeting notes

- May meeting notes approved

### Father Joe updates

- 63 people participated in Corpus Christi procession. The procession had some music and finished at the doors of the church.
- John DuBetz and Doug Briggs are going to paint water damage and repair popcorn ceilings.

### Rick update

- Handed out pastoral council name badges
- Instagram update
  - Kathy S. has been posting on Instagram as well as Facebook.
  - Gavin reports that there quite a few posts. It has 15 followers so far. There is a link that redirects to the St. Joseph the Worker website.
  - Sister Judy reports that it is now highlighted in the bulletin and News you Can Use.
- Concern about duplicate efforts with Stewardship.
  - Rick will work on having a combined meeting so that each group does not step on each other's toes. Rick will discuss with Tim (from stewardship).
  - Concern about scheduling an event if other group is having ideas about hosting something similar.

### Group Discussion

#### Old Business

- Amy updated council on the Church Website
  - Amy spoke to a representative from LPI. Redesign would cost \$495. LPI would have a team that could help and would provide different themes and layouts. The representative agreed the website needed to be revamped. It would take approximately 6-8 weeks. Amy asked if we could have a sandbox instead of just going live with the redesign. The LPI representative thinks that's the case but will get an answer on that. Amy was wondering if there were professional images of

- the church taken. Amy was sent a draft of a contract/purchase agreement. Amy can send those to Rick for Father to sign if we decide to go through with it.
- Sr. Judy explains that there are a lot of photographs on the common drive.
  - Pastoral Council votes to approve the motion to go forward with a redesign.
- Pat update on Catholic Radio advertising
    - Pat reached out to radio station 88.9 FM and they will advertise for free. Pat will give contact information to Fr. Joe to pass onto office staff if they do not already have it.
    - Rachel will share information for other Christian stations as well.
    - Fr. Asks what should we put on there?
      - Pat suggests events (pancake/sausage dinners, etc.)
      - Parish missions
    - Amy recommends creating a list of free advertising resources.
  - LED sign
    - Zoning update from Jennifer
      - Will be pushed back until the August meeting
  - Contact realtors and provide brochures to hotels. Which brochures would be sent or do they need to be created? Who will do this effort?
    - Sister Judy has an update. Welcome Committee has a packet that is outdated. Needs to be revised. SJW tries to give new parishioners welcome packet. The village puts out a packet for new villagers. Every 3 months, the village will ask the church for 150 packets. The Welcome Committee is working on revising this/creating a brochure to provide the village.
    - On the subject of hotels, Rachel states that she just searches on her phone when traveling.
    - Pat checked on hotel locations (15 are within 7.2 miles away). Most are closer to Little Flower. Pat can call hotels and find out what hotels are doing in regards to providing brochures to guests. Debbie can help Pat call these hotels.
  - Advertise during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks & Sweet Corn festival at South Park.
    - Update on popsicle, glow stick or glow necklace ideas.
      - Dawn organized volunteers, will hand out popsicles to people parked on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Dawn created labels that they will place on popsicle. One of Quest's activities will be putting labels on the popsicle.
      - Rick will talk to Dawn about putting information out on Facebook.
      - Concern voiced about weeds in parking lot.
        - Also concerns of landscaping of Parish grounds
        - Fr. Joe explains that there is a bad drainage problem, will have to tear up landscaping to fix it.
        - Gavin will be proposing an Eagle Scout project to help with landscaping.

- Father will talk to Quest leaders to see if they can help clean up parking lot.
  - Father will ask Bruce to confirm that we own whole parking lot.
  - Some Pastoral council members will stop by this week in evenings to help clean up weeds.
- Sweet Corn July 15 and 16
  - Would parking lot be a concern for mass on the 16<sup>th</sup>?
    - Explained that it has never has been in the past
  - Council decides to wait and see for next year to plan an event for Sweetcorn
- Potential Fall Activities
  - Pat looked into Shred event. Shred event is down to two trucks and probably won't be able to come out.
    - Rob shared it was pretty profitable with canned goods and monetary donations.
  - Dinner Circle- was very popular pre-covid, pre-cursor to small groups, good social introduction for new parishioners or anyone to get to know more parishioners.
    - Sign up to participate in the back of the church. Pat will reach out to the person who used to run the Dinner Circle to get more information.
    - Rick asks if this would be a part of TEAMS? Rick will reach out to Peggy.
    - Sr. Judy will also talk to someone that she knows was involved with Dinner Circle to get more information.

#### New Business

- Planning for future focus on the Eucharistic events
  - Fr. Joe has talked to the diocese. This focus is not starting until the Fall. Will start really for the diocese in December 8<sup>th</sup> in Alton, where Diocese used to be.
  - Council will table this discussion until these events come closer.
- Gavin will give a report on how Quest goes during the next meeting.

#### Closing Prayer