

Holy Family Parish Council Minutes
April 25, 2017

Father Joseph opened the meeting by reading next Sunday's Gospel, the Gospel of the Third Sunday of Easter. Father then led the council in a prayer for the newly appointed Bishop, Bishop-elect Thomas Zinkula.

All council members were present, with the exception of Deacon Dave Sallen, Father Mark Spring, Jim McInteer, and Ted Schneider. These four absences were all excused.

Chuck Osmanski moved, Mike Panther seconded, and the council voted in favor of the motion to approve the minutes of the March 21st Parish Council meeting as amended. The amendment clarifies that CCD classes will be held at McAleer Hall and that the parish has technology that can be utilized for these classes.

Father Joseph shared pastoral comments with the council. Reflecting back on Easter, he reminded the council that the Easter season was a lot of work for several commissions. Members of these commissions are looking for ways to improve the services next year. They will learn from this year how to do better next year. The new PA system is installed at SMJ and includes handheld hearing devices for the hearing impaired. People with hearing impairment can check out the hearing devices before Mass and are expected to return them after Mass. Hospitality ministers will be monitoring with surveys how well parishioners are hearing in six different locations in the church and will be collecting these surveys for analysis by parish staff, with the results being presented to the council at its next meeting. This is being conducted at both churches. Father Joseph stated that he personally is very happy with the new PA system at SMJ and would prefer the same company install the new PA system at SH, if needed, but would also like to wait on installation at SH until parishioners know for sure how well the new system is working at SMJ. There was some discussion as to what the sound projection problem is at SH, be it too many speakers or the amplifiers themselves, and whether it makes more sense to repair the current system or install a new system, as has been done at SMJ.

In his Building and Grounds report, Floyd Krogmeier informed the council that the mowing of the grounds is done by volunteers at the Sacred Heart properties. There are ongoing landscaping and brush trimming projects. The hardwood floors that stewards had been working on at the SMJ rectory are finished.

In her Faith Formation report, Sister Peggy reminded the council that this past Sunday was First Communion Sunday and that this coming Saturday there will be Confirmation. The last day for CCD will be April 26th.

In his Church Life report, Chuck Osmanski stated that the various church ministries need to be shored up.

In her Family Life report, Donna Gengenbacher informed the council that three couples are now signed up for Baptism class. The Building Faithful Families group has a good following and is showing good success. BFF is inviting parishioners to join them for a parish potluck family picnic on Saturday, May 13th.

In her Liturgy report, Marilyn Brinkschroeder informed the council that the Liturgy Committee met March 30th to finalize liturgy plans for Holy Week, Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday. The commission met

April 20th to evaluate how the above liturgies were handled. Sacristans and A&E members spent many hours planning and facilitating Holy Week liturgies. Musicians spent many hours practicing and providing music for Communal Penance and Holy Week, and Joyful Noise will be present for Confirmation Mass April 29th. The Music Planning Committee will be meeting Fathers Joseph and Mark May 9th.

In his Finance Council report, Father Joseph stated that the parish financial situation is good and that Holy Family Parishioners are generous.

The Parish Council terms of Vicky Larsen, Laura Hyatt, and Chuck Holmes will be over this June, so council members need to come up with a list of parishioners who would be interested in serving on the Parish Council for the next 3 year term. An announcement should be placed in the bulletin informing parishioners of what the responsibilities of a parish council member are and of the upcoming election to be held in June.

The council began its review of the book REBUILT. The book begins by naming the problem, which is an aging parish population and a lack of youth. The Church could see itself as being in a retail environment trying to please customers. Parishioners who feel they are not being served should try serving.

To close the meeting, Father Joseph led the council in rereading the handout prayer for the newly appointed bishop, Bishop-Elect Thomas Zinkula (sounds like Dracula.)

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