

HOLY FAMILY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES FOR May 22, 2018

Fr. Joseph opened the meeting with prayer and reference to the Gospel of Matthew 11, on the Sunday after Pentecost concerning making disciples of all nations by the practice of open hearts and minds. The Council then read the diocesan prayer Vision 20/20 from Pentecost to Pentecost.

Roll Call: All present with the exception of Deacon David Sallen , Donna Gegenbacher & Craig Heckenberg who were excused.

Gree Daley, Richard Kokjohn were absent.

A motion from Chuck Osmanski and a second by Floyd Krogmeier approved the minutes for the April 24 meeting.

Chapter 13 of the Rebuilt book was discussed about how to go about falling in love with the church. Council members notified that Chapter 14 of “rebuilt” will be reviewed at our next meeting.

Pastoral Comments:

Fr. Joseph talked about the upcoming Davenport Diocesan conference with the Authors of the book “Rebuilt.”

A new youth coordinator has been hired. Her name is Heather Tieman from Burlington Ia. She will be introduced to parishioners at masses this weekend June 2nd and 3rd. Heather will begin June 18.

Fr. Joseph will be gone on retreat in Houston Texas from June 6 to July 18.

On June 23 & 24, Bishop Zinkula will be celebrating all of the masses in our parish.

Had some discussion on the pros and cons of keeping our churches open 24/7. Further discussion will resume when Fr. Joseph returns from his retreat.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Building and Grounds Commission has been recently formed by Fr. Joseph with Mike Panther as Chair and Chuck Osmanski as Vice Chair. The commission will be giving attention to the buildings of our Parish that are in need of repair. SMJ church’s NW entryway cement work, SH church’s copper guttering repair; Convent, mortar re-pointing; Parish Office, roof; and Rectory at Sacred Heart.

Estimates from Contractors were presented to the Commission for repairs at both churches and the Convent. After reviewing the estimates, it was suggested to contact the Contractors with some clarity on their estimates. Mike Roach also suggested we also acquire additional estimate quotes from other Contractors for these repairs. Ryan Mueller and Mike Roach also recommended starting and finishing one project at a time and prioritizing what is most urgent.

Motion was made by Sandi Behne and seconded by the Commission to list SMJ & SH Churches as priorities. The Convent, Parish Office and Sacred Heart Rectory will also be repaired in that order.

Next meeting scheduled for May 29,2018, 6pm at McAleer Hall.

Fr. Mark Spring led the closing prayer.

ADJOURNMENT -----After the meeting adjourned the Commission then looked at St. Mary’s & Joseph Church’s Northeast Entry way that is in need of cement work and to bring the entryway up to City Code. Ted Schneider expressed his concern on the placement of steps and ramp for the convenience and safety of the parishioners. Recommendations will be reviewed with Contractors.

Finance & Administration:

Any commission work goes through the Finance Council.

Social Action:

Deacon David Sallen reported that the committee hosted in combination with parish staff the visit at McAleer Hall of the diocesan Social Action Director Kent Farris who spoke about the political goals of the Catholic Bishops of Iowa and the progress of bills in the Iowa legislature. The most important and historic bill that passed and was signed just last week by the governor is the Heartbeat Law that prevents all abortions once a heartbeat is detected in the mother's womb.

Church Life

Fr. Joseph had 2 meetings with lectors and eucharistic ministers to discuss needed changes in these ministries. Ted Schneider, Stewardship, reported the Mother's Day breakfast was served to approx 100 ladies. The men serving the breakfast enjoyed getting to know and working with their male colleagues to make this event a success. Ted commented "that this is an example of what Stewardship is all about."

Family Life

No report at this time.

Liturgy

A training session was held Saturday May 19 at Ss Mary and Joseph Church for Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

For lectors Fr Joseph went over general instructions and lector duties before, during and after Mass.

The guidelines will be e-mailed to all lectors. Lists of lectors and their contact information was handed out to help them find a substitute when needed and will also be e-mailed to lectors.

For EMHC Fr Joseph explained the theology, discipline and requirements to serve as EMCH, as well as their duties before, during and after Mass. The guidelines will be e-mailed to all EMCH to help when needing to find a substitute.

Respectfully submitted, Marilyn Brinkschroeder

Faith Formation

Ssr Peggy reported a young woman was baptized and another young woman was confirmed.

There will be bible school on the 3rd week of July

Old Biz

Selection of new council member officers July 2018 to July 2019.

Laura Hyatt, Vicki Larsen and Jim McInteer have volunteered to remain as parish council members for the 2018-2019 year. Votes will be taken and approved or denied for these officers at the August meeting.

New Business ---Laura Hyatt reminded each Commission to prepare a 2018-2019 budget to present to the Financial Council for approval. Next council meeting scheduled for August 21st, 2018.

Adjournment

Closing prayer by Fr. Mark Spring