

St. Joseph Parish Council Minutes
Conference Room
October 10, 2018 – 6 p.m.

Attendance: Fr. Page, Jerry Thul, Susie Ernst, Warren Kizer, Cindy Hughes, Mark Comer, Sr. Janet, Lois Canaday, Don Fuglsang, Scott Baxter, and Kathy Tague.

Absent: Joe Shadle and Roxanne Oerman

Financial Report: Lois Canaday

Old Business:

- Christ Our Life Conference – 25 people took the bus and 12 drove. There were approximately 7,000 in attendance. The speakers for the 2020 conference are already booked. It is a very worthwhile conference to attend. Thank you to those who organized the bus transportation. It was a long day and the transportation was greatly appreciated.
- Share a Ride Results – Mark Comer reported that there are people interested participating. The diocesan insurance covers the drivers as does the individual's policy. The persons interested in getting a ride to Mass will probably increase during the winter months. More will be published in the following months. It was motioned and seconded that the Social Action committee recruit and train drivers for this project.
- The most recent Parish Council Constitution (2007) was passed out for review. It will be discussed at the next meeting for updates.

New Business:

- Weddings at St. Joe's – Guidelines, Access and Financial Responsibilities. There are no guidelines in place for the convenience of the couple getting married or for the parish staff. Good ideas and suggestions were discussed, and this will be compared with what other parishes in the area have in place. A formal set of guidelines will be drawn up.
- There is the possibility of six priests retiring in 2019 and six more in 2020. How would this affect our deanery?

Maintenance: Don Fuglsang, Joe Shadle, and Scott Baxter

- New reversible ceiling fans will be installed in the church and the wiring will be updated. The cost is approximately \$500.
- The bid for the A/C ductwork for the altar area is about \$400-\$600 - \$200-\$300 to ventilate each side. It was motioned and seconded that Bernie's will do the work.
- The bid to square the fence on the east side of the playground (Monroe Property) is \$2,300. There is a \$500 donation toward this project.

Christian Service/Social Action: Jerry Thul, Sr. Janet, and Mark Comer

- The Referral Center has had more families apply for assistance. An Auto Payment program through 1st Central has been set up for those who would like to support the Referral Center on a monthly basis by automatic deduction. For example, if 50 people would contribute \$20 per month, many needs could be met.
- Dena Manderscheid and Jo Claeys will be helping Judy Williams with the Angel Tree.
- “Share the Journey” program will be presented the youth in November. Mark Comer will have more information in the future.
- The Crop Walk was successful despite the inclement weather collecting \$1,294.77. A percentage comes back to the DeWitt Referral Center. Thanks to those who contributed and to those who walked.

Education: Cindy Hughes and Roxanne Oerman

-No report as the Education Board meets after the Parish Council meeting.

Family and Youth: Warren Kizer and Suzie Ernst

-Past notes will be reviewed for activities for the families and youth of the parish.

-The Nativity set display will be the first weekend of December.

Worship and Prayer: Fr. Page, Sr. Janet, Mark Comer, and Kathy Tague

-Anointing of the Sick will be October 27/28.

-The school Mass will be on All Saints Day.

-The Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service will be at the UCC on November 18.

-Sunday, October 28 is Vision 20/20 Listening Session, 4:00-5:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Parish leaders and parish volunteers are encouraged to attend.

Parish Nurse: Mary Goodall and Sr. Janet

-No report.

The meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer. The next Parish Council meeting is Wednesday, November 7 (Please note date change).

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Tague, Secretary