

**Saint Joseph Catholic Church  
Parish Pastoral Council  
Meeting Agenda  
May 4, 2019**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Pastor Father Pieter, Chair Don Kreiner, Deacon Richard Giesige, Laurie Allen, Kathleen Gabe, Robert Hinderer, Jo Julius, Betty Linzy, Sue Webster, Gina Zmijewski**  
**MEMBER EXCUSED: Anna Nowaczewski**

- I. **OPENING PRAYER-** Deacon Richard opened the meeting with a prayer at 10:00
- II. **APPROVAL OF MARCH MINUTES-**Minutes were approved as written. [No April meeting was held due to a lack of quorum.]
- III. **OLD BUSINESS--** Father suggested that the Worship Commission should be a subcommittee of the Parish Council, which serves all facets of the parish. Historically, the Parish Pastoral Council evolved from the Worship Commission, and became one and the same. Further discussion will follow.
  - a. Holy Week Liturgies-Review/Updates- Attendance at all liturgies in Holy Week was excellent.
    1. Palm Sunday-The palms had not been kept properly on ice after receipt and as a result didn't fan open properly. The size of palms was wrong for the main altar. There were a lot of palms left for distribution.
    2. Holy Thursday Mass was well-attended, and the Washing of the Feet went smoothly, as did the procession after Mass for the transfer of the Most Blessed Sacrament for Adoration.
    3. Good Friday-Church was almost full for the reading of the Passion and the Veneration of the Cross. Again, the liturgy was very well attended.
    4. Holy Saturday-Blessing of food was also well-attended. Thirty-nine families brought people with baskets to be blessed. It was a moment of happy fellowship. Pictures will be posted on Facebook and the parish website.
    5. Easter Vigil- The vigil began at 8:30 pm. All nine Old Testament readings were delivered, with the corresponding psalm sung by the choir. It was a beautiful liturgy, attended even by some complete families with children—unusual and edifying.
  - b. Baby Bottle Boomerang- Gina updated the plans for the Family Life Center's BBB's introduction to the parish. The organization provides free help to women with unwanted or surprise pregnancies. It offers help needs such as baby clothes, cribs, bedding, educational classes, and ultrasounds. Some items always needed are formula, breast pumps, and diapers. This October—Respect for Life Month--250 plastic baby bottles will be distributed at church as banks for cash donations. There will also be a pro-life chaplet for the rosary.

- c. Magnifikids-The weekly children's liturgy guides are very popular. Even older kids and parents are using them. For additional clarity, Don will announce that the page number for the reading in the hymnals is listed on the choir board.
- d. Formed.org-Notes from Anna are attached as an addendum to these Minutes. There will be a section for the parish website dedicated to Formed.org., as well as more info on Facebook. There will be some business cards with info on the sign-up table and bulletin board in Maria Hall.
- e. A Lent to Remember-the first Formed.org episode about forgiveness, has been the focus in the Confirmation preparation and retreat, led by Father Pieter.
- f. Bug extermination-no bugs have been crawling around the organ-Underwood is extermination recommended
- g. Bread for St. Joseph's Day-We had some left-over loaves from the 250 and gave some to big families and some to freeze. Maybe we'll look at numbers again for next year.
- h. Shawl Ministry has met three times. Usually 8-10 ladies contribute. They have donated seven blessed shawls so far, accompanied by cards by the artist. It's been a well-received ministry and will be reconvening in September 2019.
- i. Easter Flowers- Donations totaled over \$2000. We spent \$600. We will offer flowers to the congregation to take home this weekend, so as not to interfere with the annual Mother's Day flower sales sponsored by the CCW.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Need-based Catholic Education Scholarships-Fr. Pieter had invited Tim Kotyuk, Principal of Huron Valley Catholic School, to speak to the congregation to encourage families to send kids to Catholic school. In order to assist families to send their children, Father proposed that our parish offer need-based financial assistance to families for tuition. Part of the Parish Pastoral Council's goals and mission are to proclaim the gospel and bring people to Jesus, and early education is a vital part of that mission. Sponsoring a fundraiser for defraying the cost of tuition, such as an auction was suggested. An ad-hoc committee could be formed to plan a fundraiser and ultimately form a scholarship fund that would be part of the parish capital expenses. The Council agreed.
- b. Chicken dinner ideas-The fall festival committee will be meeting on Tuesdays at 7 pm. The Holy Family Harvest Festival will focus on growing fellowship and participation. Some suggestions to grow the festival's popularity were free kids' games, family package deal for parents & kids. We need ideas for activities and people to run them.
- c. Discussion of better marketing for the festival. Some ideas included inviting the Catholic Bookstore in Dearborn to sell at the festival; Check out the Greek Orthodox Festival on Wagner for ideas; Advertise on WAAM Radio. It was suggested we invite Cheryl O'Brien to join the festival committee since marketing is her forte. Jo will contact her.
- d. Liturgical Ministry Workshop-Diocese recommends an annual workshop to invite and train Liturgical Ministers. St. Joseph's has not had an authentic one since Rita Thiron came to lead one. We currently need lectors and ministers of hospitality (ushers). Personal contact is the best way to inspire people to serve. We will reintroduce the Time and Talent Surveys and do personal follow-up for those expressing interest. Jo will update the blue ministry booklet as needed.

- e. Liturgical Music Workshop-Don has been gathering information and resources for a workshop in the fall to teach about the ministry of music.

**V. REPORTS**

- a. Religious Ed-Attached addendum from Betty Linzy
- b. Youth Group-Attached addendum from Anna Nowaczewski
- c. Liturgical Music- Plans for a Workshop reported by Don.

**VI. CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT** Father Pieter led the closing prayer.

**Next PPC Meeting will be held August 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 in Maria Hall**

Respectfully submitted,  
Jo-Anne Julius, Secretary

*Addendums forwarded separately:      Anna's Report*

*Betty's Report*