

St. John Evangelist Pastoral Council Meeting

March 16, 2021; 6:30 p.m., Virtual Meeting

Present: Fr Joe Dominic, Peter Bustos, Tracy Kissel, Lynn Miller, Michael Pellegrino, Tom Reilly, Rich Tauferner, Audrey Waitkus, Bridgett Zielke

Absent: Julia Rodemeier, Bill Rutten, Toni Sarafin

Guests: None

- I. **Opening Prayer and Reflection** Fr. Joe
- II. **Review and Approve** (Lynn Miller 2nd Rich Tauferner) 03/16/2021 PC Agenda Approved
- III. **Review and Approve** (Rich Tauferner 2nd Audrey Waitkus) 02/16/2021 PC Minutes Approved
- IV. **Finance Council Report** Father Joe said a financial update was posted in the bulletin as follows:

Operating Income through 2/28/2021 \$194,034.67
Unrestricted bequest \$59,400.00
PPP Grant (forgiven) \$45,200.00
Total Spendable Income \$298,634.67

Personnel Expenses \$131,563.28
Utilities \$11,916.20
Religious Education \$6,551.40
Buildings & Grounds \$19,262.42
All other Expenses \$32,394.02
Total Expenses Paid to Date \$201,687.32

Contributions over Expenses \$96,947.35

Designated Giving \$11,057.16

- V. **Committee Liaison Requests for Council Action** Lynn Miller said the Religious Education Committee is considering a drive-through donut pickup using social distancing procedures if approved by Father Joe. She thought they may be an opportunity for the RE Committee to collaborate with the Parish Socials Committee to do something for the entire congregation.

Father Joe approved the RE Committee proceeding with a donut pickup.

Bridgett Zielke noted the Stewardship Committee has not yet felt it was safe to visit people at home. Baskets have not yet been delivered, but she would like to have a high school senior drop the baskets on doorstep. In-person visits could occur later when it is safer. There is a need for more parishioner volunteers for the Committee.

Lynn Miller said possible reorganization of some the committees under the Strategic Plan may change some of the functions of the Stewardship Committee. She will discuss these changes with Bridgett Zielke after the meeting to assist her in structuring the Committee.

- VI. **Old Business**

A. Strategic Planning: Lynn Miller reported the last Strategic Planning Committee update was in November. Since that time the Committee has proceeded with getting parishioner feedback for the mission statement, completing committee, staff, and historical strategy interviews and developing a new committee structure.

Lynn Miller said a new mission statement was presented to the Pastoral Council at the November meeting. This mission statement was put in the bulletin in December to receive parishioner comments and one positive comment was received. She asked for the approval of "As a Catholic Community, St. John the Evangelist Parish of Kohler together praises God, grows in Christ, and carries the Holy Spirit forth in our community" as the new church mission statement. Rich Tauferner made motion to approve, and Tracy Kissel seconded. Motion carried.

Lynn Miller added that she and Julia have developed a draft committee structure based upon the Parish Commissions & Committees Manual from the Archdiocese. The Strategic Planning Committee will be meeting with committees to discuss the new committee structure, modify the structure as needed, present the final recommendation to the Pastoral Council, and approve the creation of subcommittee to complete the reorganization. The committee is also working on compiling the interview information and will begin summarizing and analyzing the feedback.

Mike Pellegrino asked for a summary of the actions of the Strategic Planning Committee up to this point.

Lynn Miller said she would send them out prior to the next meeting.

VII. **New Business**

A. New Pastoral Council Chairperson: Father Joe asked for nominations. Tom Reilly volunteered to take the position.

B. Catholic Life Center: Father Joe said need decision on whether to fund the CLC for the next year.

Lynn Miller noted the Pastoral Council agreed to fund the CLC for one more year as a trial period to see if St. John's was able to develop their own programming. Because of COVID, this trial was not able to occur and the CLC staff did not take any salary last year. The population served by the CLC has spent the last year in quarantine and are currently being allowed to get the vaccine for the COVID. Due to these reasons, she did not feel comfortable taking the services provided by the CLC at this time. She recommended completing the trial this year until we develop possible programming at St. John's through the Strategic Plan. The Pastoral Council agreed to fund the CLC for another year.

VIII. **Secretary Report** Father Joe did not report on any comments received.

IX. **Pastor's Comments** Father Joe thanked Tom Reilly for volunteering to chair the Pastoral Council. He introduced Michael Pellegrino as new trustee. He discussed the schedule for holy week. Masses will be as follows: Palm Sunday 8:30 a.m., Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m., Good Friday 1:30 p.m. at both St. John's and Blessed Trinity, Holy Saturday 7:30 at Blessed Trinity, and Easter 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at St. John's and 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. at Blessed Trinity. There will be no washing of the feet this year. The church is celebrating St. Joseph and he would like members to think about ideas to promote it for discussion at the next meeting.

X. **Volunteer to Lead Opening Prayer at Next Meeting** The next regular meeting will be a virtual meeting on Tuesday, April 20, 2021. Audrey Waitkus volunteered to lead the opening prayer.

XI. **Closing Prayer**

Fr Joe

Respectfully Submitted by

Lynn Miller

Secretary