

St. Joseph Parish Council Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2023

Heritage Room 7:00 p.m.

Attending	Attendance ^A	Role
Fr. Michael McCabe	E	Pastor
Kerry Kowalski	P	Elected - President
Julie Kealy	P	Elected - Vice President
Mike Meagher	P	Elected – Secretary
Elly Fugleberg	P	Elected
Dave Reese	E	Elected
Jeremy Skrdla	P	Elected
Emily Zurcher	P	Elected
Walt Zinc	E	Trustee
Amy Zeleny	P	Trustee
Jim Essay	P	Finance Council Representative
Matt Litt	A	Stewardship Representative
Michele Chambers	P	Stewardship/Pastoral Council Representative
Ben Huck	P	Building and Grounds Committee Representative
Ann Wackel	P	Parish Operations Manager
Duane Becker	P	School Advisory Committee Representative
^A P: Present ^A E: Excused ^A A: Absent		

Meeting Started: 7:02

Opening Prayer – N/A

Review and Approve March 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve: Jeremy Skrdla

Second: Duane Becker

March 2023 meeting minutes were approved.

Old Business and Father McCabe Update:

- Parish Council hosted refreshments for March 27th Cor ad Cor – Thank you!

New Business:

Parish Updates - Kerry Kowalski

- Father McCabe is working on identifying a liturgy coordinator. Looking for younger candidates. No specific timeline.
- Planning is in progress for the Eucharistic Procession for June 11.
- CSA will start April 29-30, 2023 with a goal of \$325,000 and 80% going back to parish.
- Gift to Lincoln Catholic School Day set up by Diocese to raise funds for catholic schools. St. Joseph needs funds for new Interactive boards for the school. The goal is to raise \$15,000, funds necessary to fully fund the project. Estimated expense for the interactive boards is \$45,000. Looking to install the interactive boards this summer.
- Father Johnson will be moving to St. Wenceslaus in Wahoo.
- 1st Holy Communion is April 22, 2023.
- 8th grade graduation May 23, 2023
- There was a discussion concerning school and church security especially when there is daily school mass.
- It was recommended that this discussion continue at the next parish council meeting with Father McCabe present.

Committee Reports:

Finance: No Report

Stewardship:

Parish Operations: No Report. Resurrection Hall chairs were covered. Cost was about \$6500.

St Joseph School and School Advisory Council Report: March 2023 Council Meeting Report Attached.

Building and Grounds: March 2023 Meeting Report Attached. Playground installation may start in 3 weeks.

Pastoral Council: No Report

Future Meeting Dates:

May 16th 6:00 pm in the Heritage Room
No meetings June and July

Closing Remarks and Prayer -Kerry

Meeting Ended: 7:53 pm

Attached Documents.

1. St. Joseph School Advisory Council Minutes – March 15, 2023
2. Building Committee Report – March 14, 2023

St. Joseph School Advisory Council Minutes

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

5:30 pm, Resurrection Hall

Present	Absent	Role
	Fr. McCabe	Pastor
Kevin Naumann		School Principal
Sr. Mary Angela		Assistant Principal
Duane Becker		Chair
Chelsea Schauer		Vice Chair, School Parent
Carrie Finson		Secretary
	Michelle/Jason Weber	SFA Representative(s)
Jane Kreifels		School Staff
Kathy Krinke		School Staff
Kathy Donlan		School Staff
Mike Czyz		School Parent
Carol Zink		Parishioner
Jami Hughes		School Parent
Nicole Russman		Parishioner, School Parent
Ann Wackel		Business Manager
Guests		
Joe LeDuc		
Megan Pytleski		
Sr. John Marion		
Kelly Baumgartner		

Meeting called to order

Duane Becker

Opening Prayer

Sr. Mary Angela

Approval of February 2023 Minutes

Minutes from the February 2023 meeting were approved via email and posted on the website accordingly.

New Business

Duane Becker

- Ideas on providing supervision in stairwell between school entrance and cafeteria for before-school drop-offs
 - Crisis response team (CRT) found there are 15 minutes of unsupervised time (7:30-7:45) in this area before school for around 40 students; no line of sight from cafeteria to stairwell
 - Two viable options proposed that will be taken back to the CRT: 1) Other staff member(s) come 15 minutes early to supervise and could leave 15 minutes early; or 2) Have parents drop off students in back by cafeteria door; parents can watch students walk to the door and Ann Riley can buzz them in; suggestion of camera at that door to help with this – likely the best idea
- Brief review of mock-up Preschool marketing brochure coming for Baptism Brunch on April 1 and for prospective families; Jane's class is completely full for next year

Pastor's Report

None - Fr. McCabe not present

Principal's Report

Kevin Naumann

- Confirmation coming up on Sunday, March 19 at 2:00 pm with Bishop Bruskewitz
- St. Joseph Feast Day celebration with Mission Carnival on Monday, March 20. Funds raised will go to help people in Ukraine; goal of \$5000!
- 4th Grade Living Stations scheduled for Wednesday of Holy Week

SFA Report

Duane reporting for Michelle Weber

- Parent/School meeting was held on March 7. Carolyn Bosn presented on the use of 2022 Walk for Christ funds, and Mr. Naumann presented on the technology fee
- Spirit Wear store now open through March 24
- SFA Picnic scheduled for Tuesday, May 2, from 6-8 pm
- Teacher Appreciation Week is May 8-12, and SFA is planning activities for the week

Unfinished Business

Duane Becker

- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd ongoing discussion and speakers
 - Megan Pytleski, parishioner and school parent
 - Trained in Level 1 for ages 3-6 and currently in training for Level 2 for ages 6-9
 - A little background on what CGS is, including that it's one approach to religious formation developed by Dr. Maria Montessori
 - Personal experience with CGS, being introduced through friends, getting involved at St. Teresa's, how it affects her and her children's faith lives, and the growth she has seen
 - Sessions in the atrium include presentations based on Scripture, liturgy, sacraments, etc. with reflection questions and student works related to presentations afterward
 - Sr. John Marion
 - Brief explanation of Dr. Maria Montessori's Four Planes of Development (attached)
 - Parents asked to have this program at St. Joseph's
 - Each 2nd Grade class goes to atrium with Sr. John Marion once a week for 90 minutes, which accounts for 2 days' worth of religious formation/education. Meanwhile, the other class has social studies/science, as well as spending extra time with, math, reading, etc. The remaining 3 days of the week have "regular" religious education.
 - Sr. John Marion is currently the only teacher trained in CGS at St. Joseph School, which is why it started with 2nd grade this year
 - Planning to expand into Preschool and Kindergarten next year with more parents and teachers getting trained over the summer
 - Has observed that this year's cohort has been much more excited about First Confession with significantly less anxiety
 - Invited anyone who wishes to see CGS in action to observe on Wednesdays from 4:15-5:30 pm
 - Kelly Baumgartner
 - 32 years of early childhood teaching experience; currently teaching special ed students and guiding the school through standardized testing that occurs every year
 - Affirms that this model is how children learn best
 - Only real concern is the time commitment and doing CGS well; suggested possibly replacing current religious education for PreK-2nd during the school day, or having CGS after school to include public school and homeschool families

- 90-minute blocks of time work, especially when they include instruction and hands-on learning activities
- Curious how CGS fits in with existing Sacramental prep
- Discussion:
 - Members shared comments on current use of CGS and the tension of determining where and how it best fits into the weekly curriculum and balancing the time constraints
 - Teachers are not required to implement/incorporate CGS; logistics may be more challenging if grade partners do different things
 - Plans for the future of CGS and whether to expand beyond 2nd Grade or keep it this age and younger for now? Growth and need are some factors that determine this
 - Parents able to and encouraged to step in as atrium leaders if teachers unavailable or not interested at this time
 - Currently have 3 trained parents with 3-5 parents and 5 teachers training this summer

Closing Prayer

Sr. Mary Angela

Next Meeting

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

5:30 pm, Resurrection Hall

Submitted by:

Carrie Finson, Council Secretary

Council Members (13)

Fr. McCabe, Pastor

Kevin Naumann, School Principal

Sr. Mary Angela, C.K., Assistant Principal

President: Duane Becker, Parishioner and School Parent

Vice President: Chelsea Schauer, Parishioner and School Parent

Secretary: Carrie Finson, Director of Communications

SFA Representative(s): Presidents Jason and Michelle Weber or Vice Presidents Dave and Sarah Karle (usually only one of the four is present)

Jane Kreifels, School Staff

Kathy Krinke, School Staff

Kathy Donlan, School Staff

Mike Czyz, Parishioner and School Parent

Carol Zink, Parishioner

Jami Hughes, Parishioner and School Parent

Nicole Russman, Parishioner and School Parent

Non-voting Member (1)

Ann Wackel, Parish/School Business Manager

Dr. Maria Montessori's 4 Planes of Development handout from Sr. John Marion:

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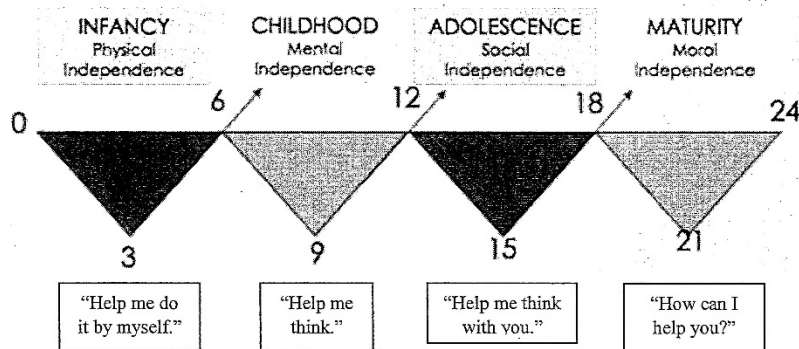


*"At the heart of catechesis we find, in essence, a Person,
the Person of Jesus of Nazareth."*

Catechesis Tradendae #5



Dr. Montessori's Four Planes of Development



Level I: (3-6 years old)

- The child's covenantal relationship with the Good Shepherd is forming
- Jesus as Good Shepherd
- Sensitive period: the child responds to gifts and falls in love with the Good Shepherd in a relationship of being *seen* and *known*
- Have an intense desire for the *essential*

Level II: (6-9 years)

- The child turns to ask, "If this great Love is mine, how do I respond? How do I live in His Kingdom?"
- Jesus as the Vine, and I am a branch connected to Him
- Sensitive period: moral formation—recognizing their need for mercy and the steadfast love of God
- Have an intense desire for *communion*

Level III: (9-12 years)

- The child expands and deepens their desire to live both independently and in communion
- Jesus as the Vine who connects all people to Himself
- Sensitive period: vocational awareness begins—how am I called to make a gift of myself?

Human Formation in the Atrium

- Order
- Beauty
- Problem-solving
- Freedom
- Silence
- Concentration that leads to contemplation
- Self-discipline
- Joy

You are invited to come observe the children at work
4:15-5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays
School cafeteria
Contact Sister John Marion to make sure we are there!
Sr.john-marion@cdolinc.net

Committee: Building & Grounds

Committee chair: Ben Huck

Committee members: Jeff Chadwick, Jim Essay, Nick Froeschl, Roch Gaussoin, Norm Goldsmith, Don Killeen, Dick Kohel, Doug Lillie, Dan Muhleisen, Karen Nalow, JJ Yost

Date of last meeting: March 14, 2023

Date of next meeting: May 16, 2023

Action Items Completed:

- Completion of the exterior condensing unit and boilers serving the Church air handling unit

Action Items In-progress/Pending:

- Ordered new sound system for the gymnasium
- Replacement of console heat pump units at the 1st and 2nd grade classrooms with a VRV system.
- Soliciting bids to replace the multizone RTU (roof top HVAC unit) which serves a portion of the school.
- Replacement of lamps/lights for the light bollards on west side of Church. Will be similar to the south circle.
- Obtain pricing for concrete leveling of sidewalk on west side of Church.
- Developing list of items which could be part of fundraising campaign.

Announcements:

- None

Questions for the Parish Council:

- None

Other Notes:

- None

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