

St. Joseph Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2022
Heritage Room 7:00 pm

Attending	Excused	Role
Fr. Michael McCabe		Pastor
Andy Arbie		Elected- President
	Dave Reese	Elected- Vice President
Emily Zurcher		Elected- Secretary
Grace Raun		Elected
Joyce McClure		Elected
Julie Kealy		Elected
Kerry Kowalski		Elected
	Walt Zink	Trustee
	Amy Zeleny	Trustee
	Jim Essay	Finance Council Representative
	Mikayla Pond	Stewardship Committee Representative
	Michele Chambers	Stewardship/Pastoral Council Representative
	Ben Huck	Building and Grounds Committee Representative
Ann Wackel		Parish Operations Manager
	Chelsea Schauer	School Advisory Committee Representative

Opening Prayer

Review and Approve April minutes

Motion to approve: Kerry Kowalski
Motion second: Julie Kealy

Old Business

Fr. McCabe

Parish Updates

- Lots going on in the month of May: graduations, transitioning Fr. Meysenburg and Fr. Bernardo
- It's been a good school year; SFA and the Advisory Committees are working well
- Mass attendance is back up; 11 am seems a bit smaller
- Preschool is expanding; new teachers coming in

New Business

- Recommend skipping the May meeting next year, or moving the date
- A question was asked about where the building signage process is at – Building Committee is pursuing pricing and options.
- A suggestion was made to keep tabs on the spaces we have for groups to meet. Are there scheduling conflicts or overlapping groups that are having a hard time finding space to meet? Are we using the spaces to the best of our ability?

Committee Reports

Finance

Committee chair: Jim Essay

- No report

Stewardship

Welcome Mario!

Charity & Stewardship Appeal

- Dates: Weekends of 4/30-5/1 and 5/7-5/8
- Courtney Verhoeff and Ken are taking point
- Carrie is taking care of bulletin communications and signage
- Lay speakers for each Mass on the first weekend of CSA
- Need 2-3 volunteers for each Mass to help parishioners find their cards and collect pledges
- Goal: \$200,610 (stretch goal: \$375,000)

Photo Directory

- Recently set back another proof. Still don't have an expected delivery date.

Ministry Contact

- See report from some of the Hospitality groups
- Had a discussion about when to help ministries bolster membership and when it's okay to let things fade away.
- Update from Walking with Purpose

Looking Ahead

- Leadership transitions will happen in June.
- After CSA, we'll be looking forward to Ministry Fair and updating ministry information (and deciding how often to update Ministry booklet).
- Hoping to include ministry leaders in quarterly event for ministries that serve at the liturgies

Hospitality Pillar Updates

Michelle Weber

Greeter Ministry (Kelly Neal)

Kelly has been leading this ministry for 10 years (!!) and is ready to pass the torch. Right now they just do a monthly SignUp Genius, and lots of slots go unfilled. When she and Sue Lang devoted more time, they would personally email and call families to fill the slots. Would love to recruit young families to this ministry. She says the ministry ideal for families with grade-schoolers. How can we help her do this? I suggested that our WATW (Women at the Well) cohort families had kids who were perhaps a little too young, but she has held babies and chased toddlers through it and said they would gladly welcome our families joining. I suggested maybe she could come give a little plug for it at our meeting? (But the next chance for that really won't be until fall!) She has also been meaning to recruit through the school newsletter but has just put off doing so, so I will facilitate that today!

Grief Ministry

Update contact to Linda Conrad, 402-484-6799; MaryLu Cords, the listed leader, did not answer or return my call, and I found Linda's info in the bulletin. She said she recently took over and that MaryLu no longer drives. Their ministry only has about 8 people, mostly in their 80s. Have a bulletin notice requesting more members. They generally attend the Rosary/funeral and give a card to a family of the deceased and then send cards at 3 months and 1 year. They also are in charge of the Remembrance Mass. They need more members. Not sure how we can help with that.

New Member Welcome Dinner (Kristin Streff)

Things going well. Always looking for new homes to host in. Next Welcome Dinner will be on June 17.

Baptism Brunch (Michelle Weber)

We got zero people to join our committee from the Ministry Fair, which was a little disheartening. Right now our ministry is doing all of the work and bearing all of the expense. We would love it if the parish office would mail our invites and/or if there was some financial assistance available for all the food. We are going to only do one of these per year going forward. Next date TBD.

Care Notes

Left a voicemail but did not get a call back. Will try one more time this afternoon.

*Kristin reminded me that the Stewardship Committee used to organize the "Ministry of the Month" which got a featured spot in the bulletin, and a weekend to give a little post-Communion announcement to highlight the ministry. We should get this going!

Building and Grounds

- Bats appear to have exited the building. The escape tube is being removed.
- Reviewed schedule for the work which will be taking place this summer in the school (window replacement, classroom painting, window coverings, surveillance cameras, baseball/softball field renovation)

Action Items In-Progress/Pending:

- Pursuing pricing to install irrigation and reseed the soccer field/play field north of the back parking lot.
- Pursuing pricing for tall shelf units in the Art room.
- Developing a list of potential items/ideas for SFA to consider funding.
- Pursuing options/pricing for exterior wayfinding signage.
- Pursuing pricing for replacement of the air handling unit/cooling that serves the Sactuary.

St. Joseph School and School Advisory Report

- SAC has drafted a Jr. High Parent Survey to get parent input on information needed to improve student and family transitions from 6th grade into JH.
 - Survey will be sent to current 6th-8th grade parents to get feedback before the end of the school year
- Nominations for next year's council; terms begin August 2022
 - Proposed nominees: Kathy Donlan, teacher rep; Nicole Russman, parent rep
 - Duane Becker will take over as chair beginning in August
 - Nominations for next vice-chair needed
- By-laws state that members must serve a minimum of one year before being able to hold the office of chair or vice chair. Due to the fact that the teachers do not take on these positions and the only qualifying parent reps available for 2022-2023 are Mike Czyz and Chelsea Schauer, we discussed the need to add at least one more parent rep. Mike is unable to fulfill the role of vice chair next year due to work and family obligations, so Chelsea will serve as vice chair for one year. We decided that further nominations will be made in May and confirmed in August 2022.

Pastor's Report – Fr. McCabe

- Living Stations was beautiful
- First Confessions were held recently; First Holy Communion coming up this Saturday, April 23 at 10:00 am; looking forward to 8th grade graduation and 7th graders stepping up
- Important to give teachers affirmation, support, wisdom of established staff, cultivate retention and positive feelings toward St. Joe's

Principal's Report – Sr. Mary Angela

- Pleased with hiring; solid candidates; current teachers helped with interviews
- First Communion retreat tomorrow, April 21, and First Communion at 10:00 am this Saturday
- Orientation for Canvas, the program replacing PowerSchool Learning, will be held during the faculty meeting the afternoon of May 6
- Further Canvas training will occur on a faculty/staff workday May 25
- SFA picnic coming up on May 3
- Spring music programs
 - 5th, 6th, Jr. High elective – Willy Wonka at 7:00 pm on May 10
 - 1st-4th grade program at 7:00 pm on May 17
- Teacher Anniversary Mass at 8:15 am on May 13

- Field Day/Last day of school is on May 24

SFA Report – Carolyn Bosn

- SFA Picnic scheduled for May 3 on gym parking lot
 - Prices went up a little this year to \$6/person or \$30 max/family
- Approved new window blinds for classrooms
- Able to fund the purchase of 4 wide-angle security cameras for interior of school
- Working on covering tech fees for next school year and letting people know that this is one of the items SFA funds help pay for

Further down the road, looking to get Walk For Christ planning underway

Pastoral Council

FIAT

- School supply collection will be held the weekends of July 23-24 and July 30-31

Altar Society

- The final Coffee and Rolls morning for this school year was the first weekend of the month. We will resume in August.
- Soup Supper was held Friday, April 8; about 100 people attended.
- The Spring Brunch will not be held this year due to schedule conflicts, but we may try to do another event later in May to substitute.
- We will help serve for soon-to-be Fr. Dominic Winter's First Mass on May 29 at 9:00 am
- We did the Flowers for Mother's Day, earning \$835 for Birthright.
- We will be doing receptions after Mass to say goodbye to Fr. Meysenburg and hello to Fr. Bernardo

CCD

- Last day of classes will be May 11.
- So far, all teachers are returning, so we will not need to recruit anyone new.

RCIA

- 5 people joined the Church at the Easter Vigil.
- We already have one person who has contacted us about next year.

Environment and Liturgy

Lots of time spent planning and creating the Lenten and Easter décor for the Church and narthex
Next change will be for Pentecost.

Building and Grounds

- Approved proposal to add four (4) surveillance cameras in the school (SFA funded)
- Approved proposal for new roller window shades at school (SFA funded)
- Developing schedule to coordinate work which will take place in the school this summer – window replacement, classroom painting, new window coverings

Future Meeting Dates

June – No meeting

July – No meeting

August 16th – 7 pm (Heritage Room)

September 20th – 7 pm (Heritage Room)

October 18th – 7 pm (Heritage Room)

November 15th – 7 pm (Heritage Room)

December 20th – TBA

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