

Saint Joseph's Parish Council

Mixed in person and virtual Meeting Minutes Original
October 20, 2020; 7:00 PM

Attending	Excused	Role
Andy Arbie		Elected
Jill Becker - Virtual	Zachary Baehr	School Advisory Committee
Ron Clinch	Michelle Chambers	Elected
Jim Essay		Pastoral Council
Don Killeen - Virtual		Elected – Secretary
Nancy Krumland		Finance Council
Jim Love - Virtual		Building and Grounds
Father Michael McCabe		Elected - President
Joyce McClure		Elected
Grace Raun	Craig Pytleski	Pastor
Ann Wackel		Elected
Amy Zeleny		Parish money
Walt Zink - Virtual		Elected
Joe LeDuc		Parish Options Manager
		Trustee
		Trustee
		Parishioner

Opening Prayer

Father McCabe

Hail Mary..., Mary Queen of Peace pray for us, Saint Michael pray for us

Introduction

Nancy Krumland

Review & Approval of September 29, 2020 minutes

Nancy Krumland and Ron Clinch

Motion to approve: Grace Raun

Motion second: Joyce McClure

Approved: All Yea

Old Business

Grace Raun

Small group Lenten Prayer Study Group update. Signup will be in January and February before the start of lent on February 17. We will study the book "I Thirst." Five Priests will each create a video to lead the groups.

Father McCabe

Christmas – We are looking at Masses on Christmas Eve at 4:30 PM (Children's Mass), 7:00 PM, and 10:00 PM. Morning masses at 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM and 11:00.

New Business

Nancy Krumland

A new Security system is being put in thanks to a donor. The goal is to protect the outside doors of the building. This will include rotating video cameras. Videos will be saved for 30 days.

Andy Arbie, Grace Raun, and Joyce McClure will work on the 2021 Parish Council election. The election will be held on the weekend of January 31. Ron Clinch will assist. Grace will work on an item in the bulletin asking for nominees to the parish council. At the next parish council meeting, we will discuss the candidates and select a slate with alternates. Normally, we vote at Mass. This might miss many of our parishioners because of the virus. We should look into some electronic way of voting.

Committee Reports

Stewardship

Craig Pytleski

The committee is under re-construction and will be recruiting new people. We want people to serve, and then move onto other needs. We cannot have a fair to advertise the volunteer opportunities due to COVID.

Pastoral Council

Michele Chambers

Grief Ministry

Although we no longer meet once a month, we are still going to funerals and rosaries as we are able. The only activity which we have not been doing is contacting the widow or widower a few weeks after the funeral to see if they would like a visit or something we can do. Naturally, that is out because of the COVID virus.

We are in the process of making arrangements for the annual Remembrance Mass later in November.

Engagement Team

They will host an All Saints Coffee and Rolls after the 9 a.m. Mass on All Saints Day, November 1.

RCIA

We have about 10 people attending. We have 2 more couples interested if we can Zoom them in. 2 potential candidates, 4 if we can Zoom.

Environment

The fall flowers are decorating the Church. Planning for the holidays is in progress.

Altar Society

No meeting.

Religious Education

No meeting.

Youth Ministry

No report.

Building & Grounds

Fr. McCabe for Don Killeen

The committee did not meet in the last month. The committee will meet on November 4.

1. The bats in the church appear to be gone.
2. A contractor is working on replacing the kneelers in the Church with the maximum width allowable for comfort. We have the money from Cana last year. The configuration of the pews means that every pew is unique. This adds to the cost.

Parish Operations/Finance

Ann Wackel

Next meeting is on November 10. A parish report will be generated for sharing in November. This will include statistics, budget, income, and expenses. A lot of Catholic parish's with Schools have been raising tuition to make ends meet. St. Joseph's has avoided that so far, but the trend is not good. A lot of our parishioners are continuing to work, but, are not spending as much. Perhaps they can help a little more at the end of the year. We have been growing income with Cana and Walk for Christ.

St Joseph's School & School Advisory Report

Fr. McCabe for Zachary Baehr

Our teachers have done an amazing job dealing with COVID. The teachers are under a lot of stress. The federal government has authorized free hot lunch until the end of the year. The kids are going to the art and music rooms for class. Father said that Sister Angela and Kevin Naumann are doing a great job. There is a COVID tracker on the School website. There have been no cases of spreading the virus at the school.

New Business

The Holy Day of All Saints Day (November 1) falls on Sunday this year. It is not a day of obligation this year.

The Diocese is waiting for a decision from the Apostolic Nuncio on Bishop Connelly considering all the information available.

Advent might not have a penance service, but might have a group of priests come to hear confession.

Cana is getting ready to roll at Lincoln Station and virtually. Barry and Jeanne Johnson are organizing the event.

Saint Joseph's has been having one to two baptism's a week. We had 11 funerals in 30 days. None of those were due to COVID. Sunday masses are pretty much full in the Church. Additional capacity in Resurrection hall is still available. There is some excess capacity in the Church at the 5 PM Mass on Sunday.

A parishioner brought up a concern about the Parishes "Employee Compensation Philosophy and Practices". This generated considerable discussion. Ron Clinch will pursue clarification of the request.

Closing comments

Nancy Krumland

Next meetings

Tuesday, November 17

Tuesday, December, 15

Sunday, January 31 to count Parish Council election ballots

Tuesday February 23

Closing Remarks and Prayer

Father McCabe

St. Joseph Parish wants all parishioners and staff to be loved and respected.

Dear Lord,

Help us grow in fellowship, love and ideas. Pray for our world, country, state city and parish. Help us to show goodwill with our fellow people. Mary Queen of peace, pray for us. St. Joseph, pray for us. Hail Mary, full of grace...

Executive Session

Not needed

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Clinch