

# **Saint Joseph Parish Council**

## **Minutes for June 14, 2019 Meeting**

**Members present: (7)** Monica Henkenius (President), Nancy Krumland (VP), Jill Becker, Ron Clinch, Dave Easley, Jim Love

**Ex-Officio Members Present: (1)** Fr. McCabe

**Representatives Present: (7)** Jim Essay, Mary Kay Gillan, Don Killeen, Megan O'Grady – new youth minister, Ann Wackel, Craig Pytleski

**Trustees Present:** Gayle Morin, Walt Zink

**Others:** Joe LeDec

**Excused:** Ron Snyder

### **Opening Prayer**

**Father McCabe**

Father gave thanks for summer and good weather, the blessings of the recently completed school year, a holy Pentecost celebration and asked the Holy Spirit to guide the parish council.

### **Meeting called to order**

**Monica Henkenius**

Initial comments:

Ron Clinch brought donuts in thanksgiving for 2 new granddaughters.

Monica welcomed our new parish youth minister – Megan O'Grady. Megan is a graduate of St. Cecelia's High School in Hastings. She is a senior at UNL studying English Education.

The meeting was called to order by President Monica Henkenius.

Monica asked for a review and approval of the May 14, 2019 minutes. Motion for approval was made by Nancy Krumland and seconded by Jill Becker with no changes. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **Old Business**

The Parish Council Constitution Revision was completed. Only elected members can vote on parish council motions.

### **New Business**

#### **Fiat Meeting – Don Killeen:**

Haiti Mission – Marty Killeen had a discussion with Father Meaux. The state department has issued a level 4 travel restriction on travelling to Haiti. For now, we are delaying another dental mission visit there. Father Meaux and Marty feel that we should wait to return until it is safe. The parish council unanimously approved a resolution agreeing with Father Meaux and Marty's decision.

**New Deacon:** Deacon Robert Froeschl from Falls City is stationed at St. Joseph's for June and July. This week he is working with Tutus Tuus. He is visiting the sick, helping at Mass, and helping around the parish. He will give all the sermons on Trinity Sunday.

**Permanent Diaconate:** Matt Hecker is working with Father McCabe and the Omaha permanent diaconate program with the goal to be a permanent deacon. This is not the same as a transitional deacon who is preparing for ordination to the Priesthood. He will be the first permanent Deacon for the Diocese of Lincoln. It is a 3 to 4 year program. He will need our prayers. Father McCabe is preparing a plan on how the parish can most fully utilize him.

A concern was brought up about the priest shortage in many dioceses, and what functions a permanent deacon can perform to ease the problem. A deacon cannot say Mass or hear/grant absolution in the sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Next meeting date:** The July meeting will be on Tuesday on July 9 at 7:00 PM.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Finance - Jim Essay**

The parish fiscal year ends on June 30, 2019. Income and spending are close to budget. A final report will be available at the next meeting. The "Our Family Visitor" pledge program has worked. The parish is taking in more income. But income has not yet grown by the total amount pledged. We did raise salaries for our teachers. Buildings and grounds spent more money this year on maintenance projects, like the new church roof.

### **Stewardship - Craig Pytleski**

Charity and Stewardship Appeal – As of today \$287,665 has been pledged. This is 72% of goal. 665 pledge cards have been received. Next year we will have parishioners speak at the masses. Last year \$360,000 pledge, \$310,000 received.

Periodically during the rest of the year, the various parish ministries will be giving 30 second presentations prior to mass. The parish bulletin will have details on the ministry the week it is presented. This will include contact information for those that are interested.

Campaign for Leadership in the bulletin last weekend. Follow up this week. Might delay it a few weeks next year.

The ministry fair will be on the weekend of August 24-25.

### **Pastoral Council - Mary Kay Gillan**

New chasubles (the colored outer vestment used at Mass) have been purchased by the Altar Society. The Altar Society also sponsored the reception celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of ordination for Father McCabe and Father Meysenburg. The St. Joseph altar society also sponsored a meal and reception for the families of the men ordained at the Cathedral after the ordination. The Serra club paid for the general reception of the new deacons and new priests. The Serra club also gives the newly ordained priests new albs (the white garment worn during Mass) and stoles (the narrow colored scarf like garment).

Father McCabe suggested the Altar Society organize a June 30 "meet and greet" with Deacon Froeschl after the 9:00 AM mass. Mary Kay will work on that.

Walt Zink mentioned that families are the most important influencers of encouraging vocations. Father McCabe also mentioned the importance of other parishioners in his decision to be a priest.

### **Youth - Megan O'Grady**

Totus Tuus is going well. About 140 grade schoolers are participating along with 20-25 High Schoolers.

Megan met with Chloe (The outgoing Youth Minister) today to discuss plans for the coming year.

### **Building & Grounds - Don Killeen**

The new roof for the church cost about \$50,000.

Narthex furniture upgrade group is getting close. They are picking out fabrics. The budget is \$8,000-\$9,000. Leather was suggested, because of its easy cleaning and long life.

The Church floor has some uneven spots. This is being monitored for change.

### **Parish Operations - Ann Wackel**

Ann answered questions throughout the meeting, so had no additional news.

### **St Joseph's School & Advisory Board Report - Father McCabe/Zachary Baehr**

Father met with the new principal Kevin Naumann today. They had a good meeting. They will do an Ice Cream Social at the beginning of the school year. A "Back to School Night" will be held separately. Kevin wants parent teacher meetings in both the spring and the fall to be mandatory. Sister Mary Angela and Kevin have discussed plans. He would like to have the halls quiet at all times, so the classroom doors can be left open. He is an acolyte, so he can help at the 8:15 daily Mass if needed.

### **Closing Remarks and Prayer - Father McCabe**

Our Father,.... Mary Queen of Peace – pray for us.

**Executive Session, if needed** – not needed

**Respectively Submitted:** Ron Clinch

### **Saint Joseph's Parish Council**

#### **Trustees:**

Gayle Morin

Walt Zink

#### **Representatives:**

Zach Baehr – School Advisory Board

Jim Essay - Finance

Mary Kay Gillan - Pastoral Council

Don Killeen - Building & Grounds

Chloe Kreikemeier - Director of Youth Ministry

Craig Pytleski - Stewardship

Ann Wackel - Director of Parish Operations

#### **Elected Council Members:**

Monica Henkenius, President

Nancy Krumland, Vice President

Ron Snyder, Secretary

Jill Becker

Ron Clinch

David Easley

Jim Love