

Saint Joseph Parish Council

Minutes for Sept. 10, 2019 Meeting

Present: (9) Fr. McCabe, Gayle Morin, Monica Henkenius, Nancy Krumland, Ron Snyder, Zachary Baehr, Ann Wackel, Ron Clinch, Anthony Krick

Excused: (9) Jim Essay, Don Killen, Megan O'Grady, Walt Zink, Dave Easley, Michelle Chambers, Craig Pytleski, Jim Love, Jill Becker

Opening Prayer

Fr. McCabe

Meeting called to order

Monica Henkenius

The meeting was called to order by President Monica Henkenius. She then asked for a review and approval of the July 9th Meeting minutes. Motion for approval was made by Nancy Krumland and seconded by Jim Love. The motion was then approved by all member of the council.

Old Business: Concern was expressed about the Facilities Usage Guidelines. Anyone wishing to utilize any St. Joseph's Facilities must meet the 4-requirement outlined in the St. Joseph's Manual. These requirements are mandated in our insurance policy. For more information people need to contact Ann Wackel.

New Business

- Fall Festival is scheduled for Oct. 13. The festival is taking the place of the Holiday Fair and is not being looked at as a fund raiser but rather a family friendly activity. Council members were encouraged to support this activity by attending and/or volunteering to be a helper. Much help is needed.
 - Fall Festival report that Elly Fugleberg sent to Monica
 - Date: Sunday Oct. 13
 - There will be many activities for the kids, for example there will be a bouncy house, Gaga Ball and obstacle course
 - Knight of Columbus will be serving breakfast that morning and will be giving the free will donation to Catholic Social Services
 - Peg Aschwege oversees the redemption center (purchasing prizes for children to redeem their "McCabe Mula").
 - Bingo is in the science room (I am looking for two families to each take one of two shifts for Bingo, if anyone there has any ideas or is interested let Elly Know.
 - Needed Guys to help with the set up if big items like tables, game dividers on Friday Night
 - Working with Steve Garwick, leader of the boy scouts about setting up Sat AM and helping with clean up Sunday after the fair
 - Elly is also looking for Godteens to help with the redemption center
 - All extra help is tentative, so all are encouraged to stop by the table in the Narthex and sign up to be a helper.
- Nominating Committee, Jim Love and Jill Becker will be in charge. We are filling 3 open spots. The elected will serve a three-year term. This will require 6 – 7 Candidates to be placed on the ballots. Therefore, we need approximately 15 recommendation. So, council members were encouraged to give Jim and Jill their recommendations.
- Next Meeting was set for Sept.10, which had many conflicts. Therefore Monica stated that she would reach out to the council members and select a date that the majority could attend.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee – Jim Essay-No report

Stewardship Committee: Craig Pytleski

- The Ministry Fair was a success.
 - Over 30 ministries were represented, many had new signups
 - Many positive and constructive comments were received that will help us improve our ministry fair
 - There were many who had never seen Joseph's community so alive like it was at the fair.
 - Thanks to all that helped
 - The ministry
- The ministry booklet was updated-this was no small undertaking, but the committee worked hard and were able to coordinate with Carrie in the parish office to get it printed before the Ministry fair.
- The Ministry Committee members continue to meet with their assigned ministries (around 6 per member) to assist in any way possible.
 - Ministries are encouraged to take a weekend where they can be featured with a specific table where they can answer questions about the ministry and gain signups
 - The commentator can/will read a short blurb about the ministry, or a member of the ministry can do the reading – all announcements happen after Communion and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
- Tithing renewal is set to run again in November and the parish staff is working with our Sunday Visitor to coordinate the effort.
- Craig and Michael are leading a Financial Planning Seminar on Oct. 21st from 7 – 9 PM

The Stewardship Committee remain committed to working together with the ministries to help figure out ways to gain new members, encourage them to become involved and in time lead a Parish Ministry or more. A plan to address the Membership, Involvement and Leadership issues will be proposed in late 2019 or early 2020.

St. Joseph's School Report - Fr. McCabe

- A few problems, bats and two room have fungus. These issues have been resolved.
- New principal has been well received- is a problem solver and a good communicator
- Staff is working hard to upgrade and improve school's operations
- It seems like all is going well

Pastoral Council: Michele Chambers

The Pastoral Council was supposed to meet Tuesday, Sept 3rd, but due to a variety of reasons (illness, out of town, etc.) the meeting was cancelled. A report from each ministry was requested, but many have not resumed meeting, so few had anything to report. Our next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 5th.

CCD: CCD began the 2019-20 school year on Wednesday, Sept. 4th. Currently there are only 66 students registered, but the number will probably increase over the course of the Month. There were only 2 six grade students registered, so those students have been added to the 7th and 8th grade class, so all registered Junior High students will be in that class. With the additional students, there will still be only 10 in the class. The 6th grade teacher will take the year off, and we can re-assess next year if we will continue to combine the three Junior High classes into one room.

Family Ministry: Gayle Morin No report

Building and Grounds: Jeff Chadwick provided the report for Don Killeen

- Narthex furniture replacement is almost here! Thanks to Lisa Guerra, Texnion, and Sara Downs- OID- Office Interior Design
- All components are here or have been shipped. Installation should occur next week.

- Remodeling of the concession area into a teacher's lounge is finished. It was a real team effort with:
 - Funding by SFA
 - IES-Jon Carpenter provided the labor to install new LED lighting and extra outlets at no cost.
 - St. Joseph's Custodians- especially Don and his son worked on weekends putting in extra time to wax the floor
 - Sandhills Global provided floor instillation
 - Teachers Painted
 - Brian Thompson, Hudson Chadwick and Jeff Chadwick installed the ceiling tiles
 - The project was under budget AND ALMOST ON TIME
 - Kim Evans will be doing nutrition classes in the space-Flexible tables should work well
 - Concessions will still be able to use the space, but may choose to move into the library
- Structural Investigation of the beam in front of the church has been completed. B & G needs to meet with the Building and Grounds Committee to discuss the next steps
- Development of a coordination committee consisting of individuals representing school facilities, Maintenance & Finance-names/schedule tbd. At present:
 - St. Joseph school
 - Kevin Naumann Principal
 - Doug Lillie Maintenance/Custodial
 - St. Joseph's Building Committee
 - Don Killeen President
 - Jeff Chadwick Committee member
 - Rectory

Youth Ministry-Anthony Krick

Had a great first night event- Sunday night mixers with the Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors
Also proposing a new program called Discipleship to Father

School Advisory Council-Zachary Baehr

These items are highlights from the preliminary minutes of the August meeting. Further details about this meeting can be found on the St. Joe's school website as the minutes are approved.

St Joseph's Pre-Kindergarten through the 8th grade enrollment is about 510, the largest for Catholic elementary and Junior High schools in Lincoln.

This is the school's 40th Anniversary.

The school and the parish are working on a 5-year plan related to space considerations, with Fr. McCabe thinking we may know more over the next year, as we factor in the possibility of a new parish East of 84th street.

Principal Kevin Naumann is working on drumming up more school spirit: he found the school flag and plans include getting a banner for the movable podium and developing a school song.

The advisory Council is planning to send a brief letter to the school staff, parents, and parish explaining what the council' mission is, and how people can get involved. This is part of the effort to ensure people have opportunities to present ideas and concerns for discussion.

The council had discussion on streamlining the registration process, specifically the amount of information repeatedly asked for on various forms. This involves working with the diocese on their new system.

The principal is asking for feedback on best communication strategy for parents, specifically regarding email content and phone calls.

Pastoral Council Operations: Ann Wackel – No Report

Pastoral Planning: Walt Zink – No Report

Executive Session: Not required

Closing Prayer

Father McCabe

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Father McCabe

Trustees: Walt Zink & Gayle Morin

Elected Council Members

Monica Henkenius, President
Nancy Krumland, Vice President
Ron Snyder, Secretary
Jill Becker

Jim Love
Ron Clinch
David Easley

Representatives

Jim Essay, Finance
Michelle Chambers, Pastoral
Council
Craig Pytleski, Stewardship
Don Killen, Building & Grounds

Megan O'Grady/Anthony Krick,
Director of Youth Ministries
Ann Wackel, Director of Parish
Operations
Zachary Baehr, School Advisory
Board