

# **St. Joseph Parish Council Meeting**

Monday, September 11, 2017 6:30 p.m. St. Joseph Schwartz Center

Present: Father Matthew, Kathy Clunk, Janice Menegay, Karen Whitaker, Suzie Dennis, Karen Harris, Lynette Treece, Jamie Burmeister, Chuck Colucci, Cathy Sanor and Marvin Bixler.

Absent: Todd Mastroianni

The meeting began with prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The mission statement was read.

A correction was made to the May 2017 minutes. *The Regina Coeli/St. Joseph School Endowment Fund amount withdrawn in 2016 was \$50,000.* A motion was made by Janice Menegay to approve the minutes of the May 2017 meeting. A second was made by Marvin Bixler. Council approved the minutes.

## **St. Joseph Pastoral Plan**

All Parish Council members were given a copy of St. Joseph Pastoral Plan Checklist and are asked to fill in any event which happened in 2016-2017 and add ideas for the future year in the 2017-2018 column. Please return the checklist to Cathy Sanor and she will update the list.

## **Capital Campaign**

The Capital Campaign, Honor Our Past & Secure Our Future progress is now updated on the parish website every three months.

St. Joseph Parishioners pledged \$348,567 and as of September 10, \$202,918 was received in cash, with debt remaining of \$117,344.

Each family who donates \$5,000 will receive an 8 x 10 plaque to be placed in the back of the church. So far twelve families have contributed \$5,000 or more. The best price found for plaques similar to those already in the church is around \$125 each.

## **Lucky Lottery Calendars**

Janice Menegay and Karen Whitaker are working on calendar sales. Currently there are 35 calendars left unsold if those who already have sold the ones they are holding. A suggestion was made to send a message through the parish app encouraging people to buy calendars.

## **Polka Mass, Polish Dinner & Dance**

The Polka Mass/Dinner/Dance is scheduled for Saturday, October 21 at the Robertson Heating Supply Meeting Room. The band has also been reserved. The menu will be decided upon this week and ticket sales will begin very soon.

## **E-giving**

In July 2017 the parish began the E-giving program. As of September there are 14-16 families that are using e-giving regularly.

## **Parish App**

In August 2017, St. Joseph Church began a Parish App for smart phones. It is going well with nearly 200 users presently. All persons using the app need to be encouraged to use the groups so there can be communication within each group. Parish App tips are included on the front of the bulletin each week.

## **Guardian Angel Program**

A new ministry to assist the elderly or homebound by running errands, sitting with the elderly, etc. is beginning. A pamphlet has been made and a meeting will be scheduled this September to organize the new ministry. Members of this new ministry will be asked to have a completed background check and be trained and commissioned as Eucharistic Ministers.

### **Church Bus**

Larry Gatts stated that the current bus is slowly deteriorating. He has found a newer, larger bus for \$15,000 to \$18,000. Father would like to have a mechanic look over this bus before deciding on purchasing it.

### **New Shed/Parish Truck Parking**

Storage is needed and the current garage on High Street is in bad shape. Dennis Clunk has a large building that would be appropriate but it would not fit on the current lot. Also the parish truck is having lots of repair needs and this winter will probably be its last. It was listed for sale but no one was interested. Dave Skolosh would like to purchase a Gator instead to use for plowing snow.

### **Parish Council Terms**

Father asked council members to discern their willingness to continue serving on the council. Each member was asked to consider if they would like to continue or step down and should send Father an email by the end of the month with their decision.

### **New Events:**

#### **Fatima Anniversary Lunch/Speaker**

Parishioner Marge Griffin is organizing a lunch with speaker, Sr. Kristin Quicker from the Oblate Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the apparitions of Fatima on Saturday, October 7, 2017, in the Schwartz Center.

#### **New Member Lunch**

Father Matthew would like to have a new member lunch in May of 2018.

#### **Visiting Choir**

A suggestion was made by Suzie Dennis and Karen Harris to invite 100 Women in White Choir to sing at the parish. Suzie or Karen will contact them to find out details of them having a concert at St. Joseph Church.

The meeting closed with prayer.

The next meeting for the Council will be held on Monday, November 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Schwartz Center.

*Barb Rogel, recording secretary September 14, 2017*