

St. Joseph Parish Council Meeting

Monday, March 6, 2017 6:00 p.m. St. Joseph Schwartz Center

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

Absent: Todd Mastroianni and Chuck Colucci

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

A motion was made by Cathy Sanor to approve the minutes of the September 2016 meeting. A second was made by Marvin Bixler. Council approved the minutes.

Adoration Chapel – Stained Glass Windows / painting

Lynette showed a picture of the almost complete stained glass window of the Holy Family for the Adoration Chapel. The second window is in the making. Lynette will find out the price. We have two families willing to cover the cost.

Dave Skolosh has begun work on patching and painting the walls.

Lucky Lottery

Janice Menegay and Karen Whitaker have again agreed to be the Lucky Lottery Chairpersons for the coming year. In 2016, all but nine tickets were sold and a profit of \$7,500 was made.

Calendar sales for 2017 will begin July 1. Each parish council member is asked to sell ten calendars.

Capital Campaign

The Capital Campaign, Honor Our Past & Secure Our Future is going very well.

St. Joseph Parishioners pledged over \$348,000 and over \$140,000 was received in cash. Two \$15,000 payments have been made to the diocese toward the debt.

Each family who donates \$5,000 will receive a 8 x 10 bronze plaque to be placed in the back of the church. Barb has a quote from Hilles Monument for \$282 each. Cathy Sanor and Karen Whitaker are checking into other options for better pricing. We have about ten families who pledged \$5,000 or more and about half have already made the payment.

50/50 Drawing

The annual 50/50 drawing has begun. Last year's winner received about \$700. We hope to have better participation this year. Additional chances are encouraged and slips are included in the Easter letter to parishioners.

Days in the Park Chairperson

Jim and Katie Morrow have been organizing and running the St. Joseph Booth at Carnation Days in the Park for the last ten years and are asking to be relieved of their duties. They are willing to train and guide others so this event can continue. Fr. Matthew will ask for volunteers.

Guardian Angel Program

Father had previously suggested that we begin a new ministry to assist the elderly or homebound by running errands, sitting with the elderly, etc. We have three people interested. Father Matthew explained that each person needs to have a background check and be a commissioned Eucharistic Minister. We will have a notice put in the bulletin asking for volunteers and making people aware of this new ministry.

PSR/ Adult Education

It was discussed that no action has been taken to make changes to the PSR program to encourage more participation. Father would like to see 1/3 Catechesis, 1/3 Service, and 1/3 Fellowship. Karen Harris offered to be a parent/student liaison and help to speed along much needed changes. Father Matthew will meet with Karen and Eric Brown this coming Sunday at 9 a.m. to discuss options.

Council members voiced the need for an adult education program. Kathy Clunk suggested we use the Symbolon program and ask parishioners to lead the sessions. Father will contact Vicki Brown and Mario Calandros to see if they are willing to do this.

New Shed

Father explained the need for keeping the parish truck exposed to the elements. Dennis Clunk has a steel building he is willing to donate to put up on the High Street lot. Dennis is looking into making the arrangements with the city.

Parking Lot

Father noted that the church parking lot will need to be resealed again. He will speak with the Finance Committee.

The meeting closed with prayer.

The next meeting for the Council will be held on Monday, May 1 at 6:00 p.m. in the Schwartz Center.

Barb Rogel, recording secretary March 17, 2017