

St. Joseph Parish Council Meeting

Monday, May 9, 2016 6:00 p.m. St. Joseph Schwartz Center

Present: Father Matthew, Kathy Clunk, Janice Menegay, Chuck Colucci, Cathy Sanor, Karen Whitaker, and new member, Todd Mastroianni.

Excused: Suzie Dennis, Lynette Treece, Jamie Burmeister, Karen Harris and Marvin Bixler.

The meeting began with prayer. The mission statement was read.

A motion was made by Janice Menegay to approve the minutes of the February 2016 meeting. A second was made by Todd Mastroianni. Council approved the minutes.

Pastoral Plan

Council members are asked to complete the St. Joseph Pastoral Plan and email it back by the end of June.

Music discussion

Council members discussed the suggestion of improving the music at Mass.

Barb will send an email to Bruce Snyder asking what action he will be taking as was discussed at the February 2016 meeting.

Adoration Chapel – Stained Glass Windows / painting

The windows have been measured and drawings chosen for the stained glass. Council is waiting for bids from Lynette and Karen Whitaker from the people they have in mind to make the windows.

Todd Mastroianni offered to have his workers come on a Friday and patch what is needed in the Adoration Chapel. After the patching is done, we will ask Mary Ann Greiner to help with the painting. Chuck Colucci also offered to help.

Dave Skolosh will clean the carpeting when the painting is complete.

Health Fair/Weight Loss Challenge

The Council felt the weight loss challenge was a great program but had bad timing. Twelve parishioners began the program but it fizzled to no interest as the time unfolded. It was suggested that in mid-August we have a sign-up for a Health Fair to see if persons are interested. Todd suggested we find companies to sponsor the fair so it can be free, since the cost is too much through the Alliance Hospital.

Stewardship Campaign

Father Matthew felt the recent Stewardship Campaign was a great success. Many parishioners pledged to increase their donations. Barb would like to mail all parishioners a letter with their contributions up to July 1 as a reminder to continue their giving.

Stewardship Fair

The Annual Stewardship Fair will be held September 10/11. Father would like to have wine and cheese after Saturday Mass and coffee and donuts after Sunday Masses as part of the Stewardship Fair. He would also like to include sign up for PSR and RCIA.

Living Trust / Funeral Planning Seminar

Father Matthew would like to have a one day seminar at the end of September. He would like Dennis Clunk to present info on living trusts and Dan Skivolocke on funeral planning. Barb suggested we also offer cemetery lots since the cemetery will be opening a new section this summer.

Website

Janice Menegay asked that the youth events be listed on the website. Father suggested to ask Eric Brown to send the info to Cathy to put on the website and to ask Mike Johnson to submit info for the Eastern Stark County Youth Ministry.

RC/SJ School Fundraising

Father Matthew explained that Regina Coeli/St. Joseph School is having financial difficulties and is planning yet another fundraiser to include an appeal for their Endowment Fund. Father is concerned that parishioners may become overwhelmed with the school asking for more money since over the past year several fundraisers have been done not only by Regina Coeli/St. Joseph School but also by the Holy Cross Academy. The Council asked Father Matthew to obtain more information from Fr. Ruggieri and to provide an explanation of what future intentions are for Regina Coeli/St. Joseph School and their fundraising efforts that affect St. Joseph Parish.

Polka Mass/Dinner/Dance

The date has been set for October 22, 2016, to be held at Regina Coeli Parish Hall and Holy Family Catholic Center. The hall has been reserved and also the same band that was used last year.

Father would like to have the Mass in the gym, dinner in the parish hall, and the dance in the gym with refreshments.

Parishioners helping will be:

Lori Gasparik – decorations

Don & Mary Flitcraft – auction

Rick Harris & George Dennis – bartenders

Angela Zumbar – advance ticket sales

Chuck Colucci & Marvin Bixler – set-up & tear-down

Father would like to prepare the pierogis and stuffed cabbage in September and have the cooking team help with this.

Lucky Lottery

Janice Menegay and Karen Whitaker have agreed to be the Lucky Lottery Chairpersons for the coming year. Chuck Colucci offered to help sell tickets after Masses. The lottery sales begin in July.

RCIA/Adult Faith Formation

Father would like to establish a RCIA team and an Adult Faith Formation Team. Suggestions are: Angela Zumbar, Christy Ballor, Vicki Brown and Mario Calandros.

The meeting closed with prayer.

The next meeting for the Council will be held on Monday, September 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Schwartz Center.