

St. Joseph Parish Council Meeting

Monday, February 1, 2016 6:30 p.m. St. Joseph Schwartz Center

Present: Father Matthew, Marvin Bixler, Chuck Colucci, Karen Whitaker, Lynette Treece, and Cathy Sanor.

Excused: Janice Menegay, Suzie Dennis, Kathy Clunk and Jamie Burmeister.

Visitor: Bruce Snyder

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

A motion was made by Marvin Bixler to approve the minutes of the November 2015 meeting. A second was made by Lynette Treece. Council approved the minutes.

Pastoral Plan

Father Matthew will send an email with the checklist for St. Joseph Pastoral Plan. Council members are asked to review the list to find action for all items for the next council meeting.

Music discussion

Bruce Snyder, Director of Music was present to discuss ways of improving music at Mass as suggested by parishioners in the parish survey last year.

There were three main questions from parishioners:

1. We have the same music year after year, can we try something new? More upbeat?
2. Could we include a Spanish Mass, guitar music as part of Mass, and Polka Mass?
3. Could be introduce new groups to sing or play instruments?

Bruce explained that he needs to follow the liturgy and use songs appropriate for each season. New songs may be difficult to introduce because the congregation has to learn them as well as the choir. He will use different songs that are already in the hymnal. Also, Mass needs participation to be worship, otherwise it is just a performance. He clarified that the tempo gives the feeling to the song so many times it cannot be faster, but he can keep it at a "happy medium".

Use of different instruments is great, but we need to find the people who are willing and able to play the instruments. It was suggested that we look for students at Mount Union or in the area high school bands.

The St. Joseph Gallery Choir will have a concert on Sunday, May 1st at 3 p.m. as a fundraiser for the organ repair.

Adoration Chapel – Stained Glass Windows

The two stained glass window sample pictures (Holy Family & Seven Sacraments) are needed so prices can be obtained. They will be emailed to all council members so the bids can be obtained and brought to the next meeting. Lynette and Karen Whitaker know of persons who can give a bid for them.

Health Fair/Weight Loss Challenge

Janice Menegay prepared a flyer for the event and it will be put in the pews and announced at Masses. It will begin on Sunday, February 14, between Masses. Weigh-in and blood pressure screening will be the first day. Cardio Class will be offered Thursdays at 7 p.m. and Yoga-type stretching classes will take place on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m.

It was suggested that Jamie Burmeister offer a CPR class and a refresher class on how to operate the AED. A date needs to be set.

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 Zumber – advance ticket sales

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

Stewardship Campaign

Father Matthew will prepare his own Stewardship Campaign. The campaign will begin this week with a parish wide mailing of a letter from Fr. Matthew. It will follow with a second letter with a pledge card.

The Annual Stewardship Fair will be held in early November

The meeting closed with prayer.

The next meeting for the Council will be held on Monday, April 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Schwartz Center.

Barb Rogel, recording secretary March 29, 2016