

St. Joseph Parish Council Meeting

Monday, November 2, 2015 6:30 p.m. St. Joseph Schwartz Center

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

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

A motion was made by Janice Menegay to approve the minutes of the October 2015 meeting. A second was made by Lynette Treece. Council approved the minutes.

Confirmation

Confirmation Mass was held here at St. Joseph Parish on Sunday, October 25 at 3 p.m. Father Matthew has sent an email to Amy Benedetti with suggestions for improvements for next year's Confirmation sessions and Mass.

Parish Mission

Our Parish Mission, with speaker Chad Judice, held on Saturday, October 24 had very poor attendance with approximately 30 people. Janice Menegay suggested advertising much more in advance. She is willing to help. Father does not want to have another mission for several years.

Adoration Chapel – Stained Glass Windows

The chapel needs cleaned and painted. The Knights have agreed to do this but no action has been taken. The council decided to have two, simple stained glass windows, one on each side with one being the Holy Family and the other the Seven Sacraments. Father wants 3 bids minimum. Lynette knows a person who can give a bid and she will contact her with the information next week. Photos of the suggestions have been compiled by Cathy Sanor from the Council members.

Health Fair

St. Joseph Parish will move the Health Fair date to the spring of 2016. Kathy Clunk, Karen Harris, and Janice Menegay offered to organize the event.

Living Will

Father suggests having a small information session on Living Wills and bequests along with the Health Fair. Kathleen Clunk will speak with Dennis to have him prepare a pamphlet also.

Polka Mass/Dinner/Dance

Father sent a letter to Father Ruggieri to reserve the Holy Family Center for October 22, 2016. He has not heard anything. Kathleen Clunk will call to check on that.

New Member/Stewardship Fair

The Stewardship Fair is set for **Sunday, November 8**. All staff and council members should be present (with name tags) to greet new members and prospective volunteers.

Parish Survey Results/ Pastoral Plan

Parish Council gave recommendations based on survey results as follows:

Christian Service

- ~develop a better understanding of Stewardship
- ~build on current service projects and educate the parish
- ~offer personal invitations for involvement

Evangelization

- ~support and encourage youth participation in Eastern Stark County Youth Ministry
- ~hold annual New Parishioner Stewardship Fair

- ~New and current lay leaders of prayer help with liturgical services
- ~develop a “Welcome Wagon” to buddy new members or recent widows/widowers with a seasoned parishioner to encourage new members to become active in the parish by building friendships

Family Life

- ~Create Movie and Pizza night with Father Matthew for young adults 18-40.

Worship/Prayer

- ~Modify church music to include broader spectrum of hymns, tempos, etc.
- ~improve speakers for better hearing (headsets)

Discipleship/Faith Formation/Catechesis

- ~meet with PSR parents for suggestions for improvement
- ~encourage new leaders for adult formation

Finance

- ~publish financial reports quarterly in the parish bulletin
- ~prepare a pamphlet for wills and bequests

These suggestions will be part of the new St. Joseph Pastoral Plan that will be introduced to the parish before the end of the year.

The meeting closed with prayer.

The next meeting for the Council will be a Potluck Dinner Christmas Party on Saturday, December 12 at 5:30 p.m. in the Schwartz Center.

Barb Rogel, recording secretary December 3, 2015