

**St. Joseph Parish Council Meeting
Pastoral Council Minutes
April 11, 2017**

ST. JOSEPH PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the faithful of St. Joseph Parish, willingly accept our baptismal call to gather and Worship as a Community, to proclaim the Word of God, and to serve in the image of Jesus Christ.

Tom Kohl called the meeting to order (St. Joseph's) at 7:01 p.m. Opening prayer led by Dave Danielson.

ATTENDANCE:

Rev. David Kelley, Rev. Timothy Brady, Tom Kohl, Kevin Corcoran, Erin Marchlik, Mary Kirk, Dave Danielson, Joe Nelson, Lisa Porter, Toni Vandenberg, and Stephanie Szczerba

EXCUSED:

Amy Brenner and Tom Kane

AGENDA

- **March Minutes:** Approved
- **Correspondences:** No correspondences received by Father Kelley
- **Standing Committees:**
 - **Finance Council**—Father Kelley announced that the nine month summary is slightly higher than budget. We did not receive as much from the “Sustaining Hope for the Future” campaign. We anticipate the mortgage will be paid in full within six years.
 - **Liturgy**—Steph shared that the Liturgy Committee is busy preparing for Holy Week.
 - **Christian Formation**—Mary reported we are still searching for a committee leader.
 - **Parish and Family Life**—Kevin shared the Knights served more than 150 Lenten dinners. Family Life continues to work on organizing a new committee.
 - **Social Concerns**—Toni said there are lots of babies on the way! We need to make sure that the mothers are aware of social services, WIC, pre and post-natal care. Christiana Hospital has a facility in Smyrna, which makes care much more accessible. Dave told us that Deep Roots is receiving donations from St. Vincent de Paul. He also said the annual post office canned goods drive starts soon. St. Vincent de Paul, the Big Ball Marathon, Robbie Hutchison, and kind-hearted neighbors worked together to arrange and pay for funeral expenses for someone who didn't have any means.
 - **Building & Maintenance**—Father Kelley provided updates about adding nine handicap spots and the parking lot repairs. Surfacing will not occur until May. Traffic flowing into the bank parking lot will need to be re-routed for one day while the contractor completes the paving project.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Election Committee**

- Tom Kohl confirmed that we have one commitment and should have a few more very soon. He will provide an update at our next meeting.

Closing prayer led by Dave Danielson.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's.

Tom Kohl will lead the opening and closing prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Szczerba, Pastoral Council