

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
January 10th 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.

Meeting was called to order at St. Joseph at 7:01PM by Tom Kohl. Opening prayer was led by Joe Nelson.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Father Kelley, Father Brady, Amy Brenner, Kevin Corcoran, Dave Danielson, Tom Kane, Tom Kohl, Erin Marchlik, Joe Nelson, Lisa Porter, Stephanie Szczerba, and Tonie Vandenberg.

Excused: John Sanders

December Minutes: Motion to approve minutes made by Tonie Vandenberg and seconded by Father Brady.

No Correspondences received

REPORTS – Standing Committees

- **Finance Council** – Report given by Father Kelley, met on 1/9, going well so far for the first 6 months, reviewed 3 saving investments accounts for St Francis cemetery, St. Rose reserve for the church and cemetery, and St. Joseph capital reserve. We have \$550,000 in the St. Joseph account and \$182,000 in St. Rose account and \$181,000 in St. Francis account. Reserve and operating accounts we have \$914,000. We are in a comfortable position right now while paying off debts. Building and equipment total assets \$10M. Income the 1st 6 months is \$726,000 which is under budget but expenses are \$542,000 which is also below budget, showing a surplus of \$184,000. We are good place.
- **Liturgy** – Per Stephanie Szczerba, met in last week. For Christmas observation, 4PM and 6PM masses were shorthanded on EM's and ushers. We had one person volunteer all Saturday masses. We have a new alter service and one new usher. Christmas Story was held on Sunday went well. 70 people attended the musical program. Working on an insert for the bulletin on different ministries available in the Parish. Recertification for EM's will be in February and March. Will send an email. Will also be making changes to Liturgical procedures the Sunday before Lent 2/26. On 11/25/17, we hold would like to hold a blessing of the church in celebration of the anniversary of the dedication of our church. Father is working on details and procedures. Also interesting, the number of people who attended Christmas masses this year were; St. Joseph Christmas Eve masses 4PM - 1156, 6PM - 528, midnight – 321, Christmas Day 9 AM mass 266 and 11AM 426. At St. Rose between Christmas Eve and Christmas Day a total of 303 attended.
- **Christian Formation** – no meeting. A meeting did take place with the 1st Communion Families. 47 families attended out of 89 due to weather. Will hold a make-up meeting. Confirmation classes started this past weekend, 1st of 8 classes.
- **Parish & Family Life** – Per Erin, looking into Parish Facebook account. No one knows the user id and password setup years prior. May need to setup a new account. Hopefully to have setup sometime in February. Dates for the Lenten Dinners held by the Knights of Columbus to be announced.
- **Social Concerns** – Per Dave & Toni, December was a busy month. Working with social workers in the Appoquinimink School District in helping a family in desperate need. Clothing drive for the migrate workers in the works. Food baskets for Christmas went over well. 28 baskets were distributed.

- **Building and Maintenance** – Per Tom Kane & Father Kelley, 1st project completed from the Sustaining Hope Funds. St. Rose ramps for handicap are done. Still waiting on Middletown in regards to the handicap parking in front of church. Lift received for the church.

OLD BUSINESS

- Amazon Smile – Live! Working on communication plan.
- Verizon Fios – Signed contract. Need equipment installed.

NEW BUSINESS

- None

Closing prayer led by Joe Nelson

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Brenner, Secretary, Pastoral Council