

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
March 14, 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 7:03PM by Tom Kohl. Opening prayer was led by Amy Brenner.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Father Kelley, Father Brady, Amy Brenner, Dave Danielson, Tom Kane, Tom Kohl, Erin Marchlik, and Joe Nelson.

Excused: Kevin Corcoran, Lisa Porter, John Sanders, Stephanie Szczerba, and Tonie Vandenberg.

February Minutes: Accepted as submitted

No Correspondences received

REPORTS – Standing Committees

- **Finance Council** – Per Father Kelly, council met last week, the general finances are in good shape, getting closer to the weekly offertorial budget. \$17K higher in income than budget. Expenses are \$129K less than budget. Revenue over expenses \$146k. Discussion on how money is handled after collections. 403B employee contributions still in the work and some of signed up for it, sign up still open. Finally received permit for handicap spots. Sustaining Hope contributions in final year.
- **Liturgy** – Per Father Kelly, met last week, the response to the change in communion procession is positive. Ministers like the sign up procedure. The sub-committee is working on the Easter Vigil and Trinity celebrations and mass and reviewing procedures.
- **Christian Formation** – no meeting.
- **Parish & Family Life** – Per Erin, a notice was in the bulletin (once) about the informational meeting, one person showed, another called. Maybe offer babysitting etc. Will try again to another informational meeting. Need to reach out to people you know to see of interested in committee. There is still one outstanding item with Facebook account.
- **Social Concerns** – no report. We have a new bread run member, Larry Bock.
- **Building and Maintenance** – Lost some branches at St. Rose on cemetery road.

OLD BUSINESS

- Election Committee – working on

NEW BUSINESS

- Why our church does not have a youth group? – When we had a youth director, attendance was low. Other parishes are experiencing the same low attendance. We need to figure out what appeals to them and will get them coming again. Also, the head of youth ministry in the diocese left and that position was recently filled. Need to wait and see what we can do to restart the program.

Closing prayer led by Amy Brenner

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Brenner, Secretary, Pastoral Council