

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH  
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES  
November 8th, 2016**

**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 Kevin Corcoran.

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

Excused: John Sanders, Erin Marchlik

Also present: Mary Kirk

**October Minutes:** Approved.

No Correspondences received

**REPORTS – Standing Committees**

- **Finance Council** – Per Father Kelley, the council meets next week so a report will be available at the December meeting. Things are moving along fine.
- **Liturgy** – Per Father Kelley, running into issues with timing for lessons and carols. December schedule is business, 3 Sundays in December but all are unavailable. What are lessons and carols? These are readings and scripture during the advent season. Usually 1 hr. 15min including chorus and liturgy. Looking at changing procedures for Eucharistic ministers and ushers. Looking at how to deal with lack of Alter servers. Having issues with scheduling Alter servers for 7:30am and 8am masses. May need to use adults. Looking for head of Art Environment Group. Current Director, Loretta has been serving since 1965 and has decided to retire.
- **Christian Formation** – Per Mary Kirk, we are looking for a new chair for Christian Formation. Last week 2 of 12 members attended the meeting. Say a prayer. At this point we don't have many active members. Need to determine a new meeting schedule. Current schedule is the 3rd Tuesday of every other month.
- **Parish & Family Life** – No update.
- **Social Concerns** – Per Tonie, working on Thanksgiving families in getting turkeys. Per Dave, St. Vincent DePaul is having a lot of rent and utility requests. Christmas baskets are in the works as well. Currently working with grocery stores in filling the basket needs. St. Rose Giving Tree has a lot of requests this year. They have 3 community programs from which the requests come from; one program has 64 people this year for the tree. May need help with the giving tree requests at St. Rose.
- **Building and Maintenance** – Per Father Kelley, the brick and cement work is completed, only the railing needs to be done for the St. Rose handicap project. This is the first project completed from the capital campaign. Still waiting on the handicap parking spots approval from the Town of Middletown. The Music Room project has for pro-bono Todd Rossi and a safety contract has been completed. The scouts will be completing a garden around the station of cross. Thank you to Joe Stackler and Cookie Bush for the assistance in the St. Rose project.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Council liaisons have been resolved.

- Prayer schedule distributed.
- Amazon Smile – Dick has put in the request for the parish to be added to the program. Erin did receive clarification in regards to communication. Concern is that we could not put anything in print but can refer our online resources.
- How does the advertisement on the back of the bulletin work? The bulletin company handles these requests and prints the ads.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- This December 11<sup>th</sup>, the regional advent reconciliation service will be hosted at St. Joseph Church at 7PM. 8-10 priest will be available to hear confession.
- On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Program for children will be an Advent Open House. Students must attend with a parent.
- We survived five visits with our Bishop in October. We held the annual metal of merit award, confirmation, and wedding anniversary mass for the dioceses, annual Mass for Martin de Porres, and the annual priest jubilee.
- Discussed the St. Thomas Moore prayer said at the masses prior to Election Day which was written by one of the priests within our diocese years ago.

Closing prayer led by Kevin Corcoran.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:36PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Brenner, Secretary, Pastoral Council