

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
October 11, 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. Rose at 7:02PM by Tom Kohl. Opening prayer was led by Tom Kohl.

ATTENDANCE:

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

Excused: John Sanders

September Minutes: Approved.

No Correspondences received

REPORTS – Standing Committees

- **Finance Council** – Per Father Kelley, reviewed income statement and balance sheet year-ending 6/30/16 that was posted in last week's bulletin. Need space for religious education classes but can't until mortgage with bank is paid. We host the largest program in Delaware. Council met last night. Doing better than budget. Income was \$14k less than budgeted. Our expense is \$21k less than budgeted. We are in good condition for the first quarter.
- **Liturgy** – Per Tom Kohl, meets the 1st week of the month. We have a need for Alter Servers, ushers, Eucharistic ministers, and Lectures at the 7:30AM, 5PM and 11:30AM masses. At the 9:30 especially, children are using the restroom without an adult. Ushers will be sending them back to the parent. It was suggested that this procedure be explained in the bulletin as well as the reason why. All souls memorial will be held on 11/2 with evening prayer service. St. Joseph will host a communal service on 12/11th at 7PM this year. At St. Rose Church the front pews are hard to navigate for handicap parishioners. Will look into removing the first pew on each side as well as the rail to allow more space.
- **Christian Formation** – No meeting this past month. Meet every other month. No report at this time. Mary Kirk is the contact.
- **Parish & Family Life** – We are in need of a liaison to report what's going on with the groups within our parish. Erin Marchlik has volunteered.
- **Social Concerns** – Per Tonie, gearing up for Thanksgiving. Working with St. Vincent DePaul in getting names of families in need. Collecting winter clothes for the migrate workers. Per Dave, not having many issues with utilities and rent requests. Neighboring agencies and state agencies have been helping. St. Vincent DePaul supplied school supplies to Neighborhood House.
- **Building and Maintenance** – per Father Kelley, St. Rose has started the handicap ramp and walk way to the kitchen. Still waiting on approval from the Town of Middletown in regards to our handicap parking in front of St. Joseph Church.

OLD BUSINESS

- New members – Standing Committees – Erin Marchlik will be the liaison for Parish and Family Life, Lisa Porter will be the liaison for Christian Formation, Stephanie Szczerba will be the liaison for Liturgy, and Tom Kane will be the liaison for Building and Maintenance.

- Amazon Smile – Erin spoke with Dick, will meet to go over terms and materials to get it up and running as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS

- Tom Kohl – looking forward at next year and terms expiring within the parish council. By-laws state we need a minimum of 12 members and no more than 20. Looking for 2 year memberships for those coming up on their 1st term. Want to keep 3 members in the council and 3 members leaving rotation to allow experienced members to remain on the council. Tom Kane, Erin Marchlik and Tom Kohl will be on the election committee for 2016-2017 year with Tom Kohl chairing.

Closing prayer led by Tom Kohl.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Brenner, Secretary, Pastoral Council