

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH  
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES  
September 13, 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 Parish Center at 7:02PM by Amy Brenner. Opening prayer was led by Dave Danielson.

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

Excused: Joe Nelson and John Sanders

**March Minutes:** Motion to approve made by Tom Kohl and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Danielson.

No Correspondences received

**REPORTS – Standing Committees**

- **Finance Council** – Per Father Kelley, met last in July. Financial annual report to diocese was submitted. In line for income as anticipated as well as expenses as anticipated.
- **Liturgy** – Per Tom Kohl, met last week. Odel leaving to go to St. Andrews. Need a new organist. New communion procedures to come into place after lent. Need of lectures for 5PM mass. This year advent/penance service to be hosted at St. Joseph Church. Christmas and New Year's Day will be regular Sunday mass. In November 2017 we will celebrate the anniversary of the dedication for our church. Blessing of children during communion is not a practice of our diocese. All Souls Memorial mass is scheduled for November 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Christian Formation** – has not met yet. 4 sessions completed in the summer. 3 sessions starting this weekend. 100 signed up for confirmation class. We have more session than any other Parish.
- **Parish & Family Life** – need a welcome packet for new and registered members coming into the church.
- **Social Concerns** – Per Toni, 2 Hispanic families registered with the church, their children did not have the items needed for school. St Vincent De Paul provided supplies. Calculator is still needed. Ted Whitlock to meet and discuss. The fire in Middletown Village affected 1 family from the Parish. Lost everything. Announcement made at Hispanic Mass in regards to what the family needs.
- **Building and Maintenance** – per Father Kelley, the town has decided not to use our drainage system. The town is ready to approve our parking permit. We sent them the landscaping plan as requested. Hired someone to do the drawing for the music ministry room. This is one of the projects funded the Sustaining Hope funds. Also, the handicap ramp plans were submitted to Chesapeake City along with the walkway to the side door and a ramp to the front door will take 6-9 months. Also, lift for the ceiling in the church to be purchased. Currently borrowing from St. Elizabeth's Ann Seton. It will be used in changing ceiling lights, banners, cleaning windows, etc.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Welcome new members.

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- Approached by a couple who would like to hold a defensive driving class for profit.
- Held a staff meeting to discuss the Fair Labor Standard Act. Churches are not exempt. Changes are taken place to account for overtime; employees cannot volunteer if it's related to their job. Anyone making \$48k a year should be paid hourly. Employees will be required to record their hours. Based on their job description, will determine what hourly wage.
- The bishop will be visiting our parish 4 times in October.

Closing prayer led by Dave Danielson.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:28PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Brenner, Secretary, Pastoral Council