

St. Joseph's Parish Council
6/13/22 Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE:

Paul & Lisa Vitale
Mark Ferranti
Fr. Hyde
Sue Tschernjowski
Ken Schrank
Deacon Nick Alvaro
Pat Morocco
Kathy Dunham
Sister Ellen Lindsley
Carolyn Sabloski
Lizzy Sachar

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Pat Morocco
Opening prayer offered by Deacon Nick Alvaro

Minutes of the 5/9/22 meeting were approved

Discussion about new Candidates: Cathy Seigal, Sarah Mavretish, Anthony D'Angelo & Thomas Kanaley. How to break up the 2024 exodus. Motion/second (Fr. Hyde/Sr. Ellen) to amend bylaws to increase membership by one to allow all four volunteers to serve for 2 years and then reexamine. Will further discuss at the next Parish Council meeting. All four volunteers will be invited to join.

Motion/second (Fr Hyde/Ken Schrank) to thank Sr. Ellen upon her retirement.

Ken presented the Finance report and reported work has started on the Budget for next year. Discussion about restarting "passing the basket" in an attempt to increase "loose cash" revenue. Father Hyde reports he will restart this summer.

Pat reviewed Bldgs. & Grounds, Faith Formation, & Pre-School reports.

Pastor's report:

1. Deacon Nick Alvaro will serve as Pastoral Minister/Business Mgr.
2. Physical plant issues: concern expressed by parishioners about cushionless pews, Need to replace the exterior doors and clean or replace the carpet on the altar.
3. Establishment of an Endowment in the future to fund building maintenance.

New Business

Summer Mass schedule, in the past, reduced from 3 masses to 2. We are already there. Father will explore changing 10:45 to 10:00 for the summer.

Mass on the Grass will be discussed at staff meeting.

Parish Census: difficult to remove someone from the roles. A fundraiser may provide that information, recent mailing for Directory may accomplish this too. 1500 were mailed. Data base will be updated as appropriate.

Discussion of strategies to bring parents to church with their children: update music ministry to include youth choirs, consistent Liturgy of the Word, Children's sermons.

Calendar of events: putting "staff" calendar online or included in bulletin

Use of Parish Center: concern about scheduling conflicts, must use calendar. CYO program uses, Adult men's group uses for open gym (they must provide cert of insurance, they make a "donation") If we rent it, we'd need to staff it and charge a fee. If offered for family functions, etc. these might change our tax-exempt status. Would need to be explored further.

Closing prayer offered by Sr. Ellen

Mtg adjourned at 8:07 pm by President Pat Morocco

Respectfully submitted by,

Susan Tschernjawski