

Minutes of the Parish Council
Thursday, August 15, 2019

(Members who were present are underlined)

Pastor	Fr. Jerome Tupa, OSB	Elected Representatives:	
Trustees	<u>Dean Merdan</u>	8/17-8/20 B	<u>Jason Mohs</u>
	Lori Fuchs	8/17-8/20	Joe Theisen
Chair	<u>Jason Mohs</u>	8/18-8/21	<u>Brian Posch</u>
Vice Chair	<u>Brian Posch</u>	8/18-8/21	Greg Hansen
Youth Member	Levi Posch	8/19-8/22 B	<u>Joyce Abeln</u>
Director, Faith Form.	vacant	8/19-8/22	<u>Tess Koltes</u>
Secretary (non-voting)	<u>Julie Ortloff</u>		
Finance Council:	<u>Dan Backes</u>	Social Justice and Ministry:	<u>Eileen Haeg</u>
Parish Life:	<u>Heidi Peternell</u>	Liturgy:	<u>Tess Koltes</u>

Review and approval of the May Parish Council Minutes: 1. Joyce 2. Brian, Approved.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: The Finance Council met prior to the parish council meeting. Several staff positions need to be filled. The annual financial statement to the parish was reviewed and approved for distribution. A net income was possible due to controlled spending by committees and staff members as well as generous donations from parish members. Currently searching for fundraising ideas, the Fundraising sub-committee will be reabsorbed into the Finance Council. Several ideas for fundraising were suggested by Parish Council members including rental of the center for crafting use (per table rent as at St. Augusta Church). Heidi mentioned that Parish Life committee is currently working on a Craft Sale opportunity this November 2.

Faith Formation Committee: This committee is not active, and currently there isn't a Faith Formation Coordinator. Julie has sent out registration forms, established the schedule and all catechists are in place, just one or two more helpers are in need.

Social Justice: Eileen reported that the committee last met on June 24th. They intend to continue their Creation Care work, supporting the elderly in the parish, and possibly some work on racism awareness. They are open to working with St. Joe and more can be explored in that area.

Parish Life: The yearly schedule of hospitality has been established. A Craft Sale in November will be scheduled. Everything is scheduled for the parish picnic—just volunteers are needed!

Liturgy Committee: Tess reported that the committee had a lengthy meeting focusing on how to make our liturgies more family friendly, supporting our Faith Formation program and revitalizing and energizing our young people. We planned the August 24th liturgy which Bishop Kettler will preside at and Fr. Jerome and Abbot John as concelebrants. We discussed the importance of replacing Jason P. so that music ministry can continue. Promoting the new Sunday mass schedule was discussed. We also discussed the need to focus on our own "home-base" of folks by possibly hosting a community meal on Faith Formation Sundays. Our committee recommends that a light lunch be served following Faith Formation to provide lunch for anyone who wants to stay. A simple light lunch can be served (possibly by various committees helping). We also discussed that in the time between 9:30 and 10:45 (Faith Formation) some sort of speaker, adult ed., Faith Sharing, movie, coffee and conversation, etc. could be facilitated. The Liturgy committee is willing to take on the September 8th event, and a sign-up sheet could be available for future meals. Catholic United Financial will be asked to grant the funds to get this off the ground, and free-will donations will be collected at the meals. Our committee also discussed the need for more collaboration from the Faith Formation

committee (families), so they will be invited to attend our meeting and possibly join forces for now. Tess K. has agreed to be the chairperson.

Old Business:

ACC Updates: The mass schedule change has been announced, moving to Sunday 8:30 am liturgies. Of course, not everyone is pleased with this change, but the intention is to grow mass attendance, support young families (future of the church) and to reduce the number of sub-clergy assistance needed.

New Business:

Voting or Consensus: The ACC movement encourages parish councils to move towards decision making in the form of consensus. Thus, rather than voting, members would each need to voice their opinion, be heard, and be able to live with the decision made. Much discussion ensued. Our parish council has relied on both methods of decision making in the past, and it was unanimous that consensus has its challenges. Tess made a motion that the Parish Council maintain a decision-making body by voting, not consensus. Joyce seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Joint ACC Meetings: In July it was suggested that St. Joe and our parish have all parish meetings on the same night in the same location. After suggesting several scenarios, this seems to be a very difficult way to carry out parish business for our councils/committees. Currently meetings take approximately an hour, and no one feels that time could be shortened. Meeting on the third Thursday is what members have committed to, changing that day could prove problematic. After much discussion...it was recommended that possibly our meetings remain here on the third Thursday, and maybe Fr. Jerome could attend here one month, and then at St. Joe the next month?
ACTION: Julie will share this input with Fr. Jerome and request his feedback.

Communicating mass schedule changes: The move to Sunday masses will need to be communicated effectively for this change to be successful. Promoting Sunday masses in the bulletin, posters, social media, website, etc. is important, but council members should also promote and share the vision of the future of our parish.

Adjournment: by Dean

Next meeting: October 10, 2019 7:00pm

Date Approved: 10-10-2019