

Parish Council Minutes
October 18, 2017

Present: Mary Cimperman, Thad Grzesiak, Angie Hanson, Claire Hsia, Joel Loecken, Jane Oyen, Dean Rademacher, Jackie Schluter-Johnson, Paula Lutz, Fr. Terry Rasmussen, Paul Sariego and Terri Wehling.

Absent: All present

Prayer: A Call to Respect Life led by Paul Sariego.

Youth Report: Sophie Latourelle and Gabbie Johnson announced Sleep Out is November 3-4. This year "Hope for Youth in Anoka" will provide a speaker. Sunday night will offer a "bring a friend night" at the end of October. Bringing friends is encouraged. Topics have been resonating with youth. Involvement at 6:00 pm mass highly encouraged for youth. Numbers of registration are healthy. There are ten new lectors for 6:00 pm mass. A group of high school students is preparing for the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis.

September Meeting Minutes: Approved

Report from Jason Wittak: Current PRISM site is now in a rented site and not close to public transportation. The new site will be rented from Jewish Family and Children's Service. The agencies will work together. Our parish goal is to support the capital campaign by raising \$5,000.

Super Service Saturday: Just completed 5th event. 90 participants. 9 sites. Did morning only this time.

An organization called Achieve Services presented at all masses last weekend. Achieve Services works with special needs population to gain employment. We were their first non-profit for laundry detergent sales.

A Mobile Pack Committee will find out soon if the preferred site for a large pack will be available for February 21-25. Up to five other core churches are working with St. Joseph.

Volunteers are needed for the Fall Festival. Sign-up Genius is the online format. Hard copies available after masses.

Report from Dean Rademacher: Sunday Collection for September came in at \$80,282 which is \$6,717 under plan.

Sunday Collection YTD is \$258,704 which is \$7,798 under plan.

Personnel Expenses came in slightly higher for September. YTD we are \$828 under plan.

Operating Expenses are essentially on plan. \$242 above budget YTD.

We are exploring more opportunities for electronic payments of all sorts.

Upper Parking Lot Light/Main Parish Center Parking Lot Handicap Lights – The plan for the Parish Center upper parking lot lights is approved and materials are being made. Father Terry pointed out that it is very dark by the handicap parking spots in the Parish Center main lot so we are adding to the work order to include proper lighting there.

Super Service Saturday – Youth Lounge and Little Kitchen were deep cleaned on Super Service Saturday. All boxes, cupboards, fridge and freezer were purged of any old items. Youth Lounge was reorganized for space and the wall was painted.

Adding Kitchen Counters/Cabinets to Youth Lounge – Parishioner Walt McHenry who is a custom cabinet maker came forward and met with Dean to design the proper cabinetry. Time line is as his work load permits hopefully by January. Plan is to use space for multiple groups.

Room A Construction – After consulting with Father Terry who had a good idea for the placement of the technology storage closet, we are moving forward with the initial wall/sheetrock work to prepare for the new aluminum clad doors that will help with both heating and cooling of Room A as well as cutting down on noise between Room A and the High Hall. This will help with sound mitigation.

Flock Notes have been implemented for youth. Staff is currently exploring groups they would like to include. Allows group communications with parishioners. Educating parishioners might be done at mass as a homily. Might invite youth to help.

Postcards to the broader community will be sent before Fall Festival.

Takeaway's so far from the Communication Survey:

97% feel that St. Joe's cares about its members.

75% understand our Mission.

72% get communication by other organizations solely through electronic communication.

70% feel they would prefer moving to electronic communication including website and email.

70% utilize the Bulletin.

50% call our Community "St. Joe's." The remaining names were scattered in preference with no leading second name.

Waffle Breakfast – The Mayor of New Hope will help host. A group will make the waffles for us. Cost will be Adults \$7/Kids (6-12 years old) \$5/Family of 5 or more \$25/5 years old and younger are free. Parish Council has been asked to sign-up to work as a group. Extended family is a good idea. Inflatables will be available. Smaller inflatables will be available for children.

Welcome dinner was successful.

Ministry Position Descriptions – We have begun updating professional ministry position descriptions for staff. Mary Greving will be the staff support for Vacation Bible School as it falls in her ministry. Anne Saevig will be the staff support for RCIA.

Fr. Terry Report: Parish Council was requested to make contributions for a gift card for the fall festival bingo

Welcome letters: Parish Council members signed welcome letters to new parishioners.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.