

## St Joseph Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2021

Call to Order – Dick Weller

Opening Prayer – Fr Mike

Members in Attendance – Fr Mike Williams, Dick Weller, Bob Puralewski, Kathy George, Scott Schmitt, and Dave Collins (via phone)

Minutes of the Prior Meeting – Kathy George

Education Trust Fund (\*ETF) – A new football-themed fundraiser was considered, but not implemented due to unforeseen constraints. Other fund-raising ideas are currently being considered and discussed. The ETF typically gets its funding through Sunday envelopes and bequests.

Youth Group – This year’s kickoff is scheduled for September 26<sup>th</sup>. There was not a student representative at the meeting.

Evangelization – Meetings have been on hold due to Covid. Deacon Eric’s column continues, but most other activities have been discontinued. It was noted that a fresh start is needed soon, possibly with new members on the committee. Discussion was held regarding whether the group should be setting goals based on past events, or just starting with new ideas altogether. Also discussed was the topic of how to reach out to those who have been hesitant to participate (in person) at parish events and meetings. Media platforms such as Zoom or Facebook Live could be possible tools as a bridge to get some people to be more comfortable interacting with other parishioners, with the ultimate goal of participating in-person. Dave C. will pursue options.

Finance Committee – Nothing new, other than the numbers published in the bulletin over the summer reflect the normal low revenue for the summer. Revenue and expenses amounts reflect amounts as expected for this time of year.

Reports from Ministries/Issues to Address – 1) Parish council should be soliciting comments and concerns from parishioners and report back at meetings. 2) A discussion was held regarding the possibility of setting up a time of Adoration specifically geared toward families, especially those with young children so as to expose the children to Adoration. Consultation with new DRE, Chris Wells and Rebecca Nurenberg could help guide this project. Tentative plan is to implement on a Wednesday after school until Religious Ed classes begin. Kathy George will represent the Council on this program. We should be praying for the success of this program.

Pastor’s Report and Comments – 1) A Family Ministry Program with the deacons will be implemented. Guest speakers will be invited in the fall and spring. This will be a supplement to the Religious Ed and St Joe School programs. 2) Fr Mike is seeking input from the Knights of Columbus about what a Catholic Family needs with emphasis on the father’s role. More to come on this. 3) The diocese is concerned about a part of pending federal legislation that would contradict what is taught at Catholic schools. A letter, was given to all parents at orientation this year and will be given to all parents of children at St Joe School at registration, defining what we believe as Catholics and what will be taught at our school. 4) New 5:30 time for meetings seems to be working well.

Comments/Thoughts – Can we bring back the “vocations chalice”?

Prayer leader for next meeting – Kathy George

Next meeting – November 17, 2021 at 5:30 pm