St Joseph Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2024

**Call to Order** – 5:30 Dick Weller. Members present: Fr Mike Williams, Dick Weller-via phone,

Tom Wenzlick, Mary Jane Boak, Dave Collins, Chelsea Thelen and Kathy George.

**Opening Prayer** – Kathy George

Minutes of Prior Meeting – Approved without changes

**Education Trust Fund**

No report

**Youth Program** – Fr Mike

There is a post-Confirmation meeting on the same day as our next meeting (May 15th). We may

meet at 6 pm instead of 5:30.

Forms are changing for sacraments. Applications for next fall have been given out to

prospective families. Parish council should be working on ways to build up families.

**Evangelization/Welcoming Committee** – Dave Collins and Tom Wenzlick

Three or four welcome bags have been given out so far.

A Place For You booklet- Notes from each group have been compiled into a word document. It’s

not formatted yet but sent to Susan Mahoney for review in January. Regarding who would

receive this: all parishioners including new families. \*Fr would like to have a volunteer

response sheet included in this booklet.

Discussion about volunteerism since covid and ways to encourage people to step forward

again. Questioned how we get people to look through the booklet with comprehension, possibly

use “call-outs”, pictures and/or color. Would be nice to have someone with marketing

experience look at it, possibly someone at Faith Mag. Dick will get info for Dave.

Discussed a work-in-progress video project to promote vocations.

**Finance Committee** – Dick Weller

Things are where expected with donations for this time of year. Budget is tight, but ok. Saints

and Scholars and other subsidies are helping to fund the school.

A new phone system between the school and the church will be installed, possibly over spring

break. Window project at the school is planned to start in Mid-May.

**Items to Address** – Dick Weller

This year’s PSC fundraiser raffle that was previously done with the carnival is 80% short this

year. It’s been difficult to get people to participate and sell their tickets. Costs of graduation,

field day, etc have gone up. This is also the money that funds recess and lunch aides. This

committee has become very stressful due to the difficulty in getting parents and families to step

up and lead activities.

Discussion of activities like the Daddy/Daughter dance becoming fund-raisers instead of fun

events sponsored by the school, possible ways to fund recess/lunch aides. Could some funding

come from school or church budget or from Feast and Raffle? PSC can no longer afford this.

Chris Wells will have to address if PSC restructuring with co-presidency to entice more parents

to volunteer, and to define what PSC supports and how the school can help. Faith Magazine

may be able to print handout info on PSC projects and funding. Per Dick, Susan M thinks

everything will be ok for PSC this year regarding funding for aides.

**Other discussion**: Asking parents to pay for field day t-shirts, less popcorn, asking parent to

help with school activities, “key” people need to stand up and share with others how/why the

PSC is vital to school, use family night mass to get messages out, pay $60/year for playground

help or volunteer for 6 recess times.

**Pastor’s Report** – Fr Mike

No response on the God Families appeal, so it will be dropped. However, we need to find a way

to reach out and provide hospitality at the parish.

Rich Budd- Domestic church talk with about 25 people. Hoping to continue to grow in this area,

and keep on Wednesdays.

May 1st a gathering is being planned for families participating in the Trinity House program.

**Feast of Corpus Christi**- there will be no procession at the diocese, so planning one here.

Getting permit from the city for procession after 12 pm Mass, want to get Knights involved.

Tom W reported that the men’s conference was very good. Inferno Men’s groups are across the

state and Average Joes are involved with them.

Prayer for Vocations

Next Meeting – May 15, 2024 at 5:30 or 6 pm