St Joseph Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2024

Call to Order – 5:30 Dick Weller. Members present: Fr Mike Williams, Dick Weller, Bob

Puralewski, 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 – Things look ok with current funds. There may be a representative

from the ETF at the 100th Anniversary walk-through at the school to bring awareness and offer

thanks for previous donations.

Youth Program – Fr Mike

Religious Ed component is moving forward with high school youth. Attending students have

indicated that adding a social component to their meetings would be welcome. Volunteers are

currently teaching the high schoolers.

Evangelization/Welcoming Committee – Dave Collins/Fr Mike

Dave has been meeting one hour/week with St Joe 5th

and 6th

graders for the “video

evangelizing” project. They are producing content with two cameras and 16 kids, divided into

groups for talent, camera operators, production, house, etc. The theme of their work centers on

how talents are applied to the students’ faith. Students are learning both how content is

produced, and how to critically review content in general.

Fr Mike reports that Craig Pohl would like to know how he can help us increase evangelization.

Parish Council members should get back with Fr Mike before December 6th

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Finance Committee – Dick Weller

We are meeting budget goals. Down a bit but still ok. Several unit ventilators will be replaced in

the school for better heat. Older units are being replaced a few at a time. Three will be

purchased, with two installed and one kept as a spare to be used when needed. After units

are replaced, the parish Savings Account and Building Fund Account balances will need to be

discussed.

Other Items to Address

A question from parishioners was brought up about the ETF after budget figures were published

in the bulletin. Why can’t some of that balance be used instead of having another campaign (in

reference to the Saints and Scholars Campaign)? Answer: the by-laws state there are only a

certain few things that the ETF can be used for. In addition, if it falls below $500,000, all the

bylaws change. To avoid this complication, they try to keep funds near the present levels.

Good news! The Saints and Scholars campaign pledges have reached $650,000 from roughly

100 donors. Fr is hoping to have the campaign wrapped up before Christmas.

General discussion about how Feast and Raffle money is allocated and general updates and

questions about the Saints and Scholars campaign.

None

Pastor’s Report – Fr Mike

Fr Mike will be teaching a class on prayer to the 3rd- 6th grade classes starting in January.

Comments/Thoughts

None

Prayer for Vocations and Adjournment

Next Meeting – January 15, 2025 at 5:30 pm.