

Minutes
ST. JOSEPH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, 10/24/17

RECTORY MEETING ROOM – 7:30 PM

7:30 PM – OPENING PRAYER

Dear St. Joseph, head of the most perfect household, foster father of Jesus and guardian of His mother Mary, we ask that through your powerful intercession with God, that you assist us with our decision-making process. Enlighten our minds as faithful disciples of Jesus, to be open to new ideas and to respectfully and patiently work with one another. Teach us to do what is right in the eyes of God, and give us clear vision and firmness of decision to represent all members of our parish community. Amen.

ATTENDANCE

P=Present and A=Absent

	P	A		P	A		P	A
Pastor			Board of Ed President					
Fr. Gerry Reinersman	P		Hollie Lusby		A			
Parochial Vicar			Council Members			New Members		
Fr. Trinity Knight		A	Gina Dierig (3) – President & Public Relations	P		C J Peters (1)		A
			Steve Gooderson (1) – Vice President	P				
Deacon			Julie Piscitello (1+) – Board of Ed	P		Brian Stegman (1) – Planning Development & Maintenance	P	
Tim Schabell		A	Ron Reckner (1) – Finance	P		Mike Enzweiler (1)	P	
Principal			Anton Striegel (3) – Secretary	P		Jeremie Imbus (3) - Youth & Family		A
Susan Greis	P							
Business Manager								
Lee Kessen	P							

GUESTS None

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING – September '17 - MINUTES

Moved by: Brian Seconded by: Ron

LEADERSHIP REPORTS:

CORRESPONDENCE 1 anonymous letter about parish bulletin

PASTOR'S REPORT - Fr. Reinersman Attached - Addendum #1 (all are listed below)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Susan Greis Attached - Addendum #2

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REPORT via Fr. Gerry

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT Lee Kessen Attached - Addendum #3

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT (Julie Piscitello Attached - Addendum #4

TALKING POINTS FOR THIS MEETING:

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COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE REPORT – (Ron Reckner)

The Finance Committee assists the pastor and Parish Council in planning, providing, and supervising the parish financial resources for the current and future needs by utilizing solid and effective financial planning.

Discuss - Offertory is down from previous years.

2016 to 2017

July	14,000	August	17,000	September	10,000
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Not sure if people are just giving less or does it have something to do with mass attendance declining

Handout - Capital Needs List for Church/School

PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & MAINTENANCE REPORT (Brian Stegman) No report

The Maintenance, Planning & Development Committee assists the pastor in developing, planning, and communicating the long term strategic plans of the parish to meet the present and future needs of its parishioners while effectively utilizing its resources to enhance and maintain the parish plant and facilities.

PUBLIC RELATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS REPORT (Gina Derig)

The Public Relations & Communications Committee promotes and develops the Parish Family Concept through the celebration of special events and activities that offer opportunities for spiritual growth, and keeps the parish informed utilizing available technology (website & emails).

- **Report on parish picnic – all is good**

SOCIAL ACTION & OUTREACH REPORT (Anton Striegel) No Report

The Social Action and Outreach committee fosters a climate of openness and inclusion among the members of our parish (especially those that do not have children or extended families within the parish), reaches out to those in material and spiritual need, and increases awareness of the available support services.

- United Catholic Movement – new novena

STEWARDSHIP REPORT () No Report

The Stewardship Committee organizes the Time, Talent, and Treasures of our parish and appropriates them accordingly.

LITURGY & WORSHIP REPORT () No Report

The Liturgy & Worship Committee enhances and encourages full participation in a prayerful liturgical experience for the assembly while fostering the ongoing conversion and spirit of evangelization in the parish.

YOUTH & FAMILY REPORT (Jeremie Imbus) No Report

The Youth & Family Committee welcomes families (particularly those with young children) to participate in fellowship opportunities they provide.

OLD and NEW BUSINESS:

Election / new committee lead:

- Gina is president with Steve Gooderson being VP
- Brian Stegman is on Planning, Development and Maintenance
- Julie Piscitello will join Board of Education

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we, as council members, pray for the grace and strength from your Holy Spirit to help us complete the work needed for our parish. Help us to be patient and helpful to each other as we work together with our parish organizations and school to meet the challenges that face us. Never let us forget that what we have in common far outweighs any differences we might have. Guide our efforts so that we might accomplish much in your name for the good of all. Help us to place love and service to God before all else and to show true Christian love to one another. Amen.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by: Steve Gooderson Seconded by: Julie Piscitello

NEXT MEETING: Regular meeting: **November 28th 2017**

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ADDENDUM and ATTACHMENTS

Addendum #1: Pastor's Report

Fr. Gerry Reinersman Pastor's Report October 24, 2017

New Diocesan Norms for Parish Pastoral Councils

At our last meeting we committed to reviewing the new Diocesan Norms for Parish Pastoral Councils and a side-by-side comparison to our current norms/by laws. Where do we stand with that project?

United Catholic Movement

Last Sunday we had a speaker at the end of each Mass give witness to their return to an active practice of the faith. All five gave eloquent witness by standing before the whole assembly to tell their story. Some have offered to have their talks put on the parish web site at the UCM button, using their initials or first name and surname initial. We are looking into that. Our Leadership Team will again invite people to become ambassadors and schedule another session for ambassadors who have not yet gone through a training session on "How to invite". We will also develop a new session, with the theme "What do I do when they say 'Yes'".

Separation of priests' residence and parish office space

Bishop Foys has agreed to our simple plan of separating the priests' residence and work spaces. I believe this simple plan will provide a balanced and healthy level of privacy for priests. It will require some changes to the normal traffic patterns in the rectory for staff and parishioners.

Annual Eucharistic Devotions – Friday – Sunday, November 10 – 12

Pastoral Council members are encouraged to attend Benediction and Solemn Closing of Eucharistic Devotions at 4pm on Sunday, November 12. These devotions are a sign of our unity in Christ through the Eucharist. They enrich our faith and demonstrate our conviction to take Christ into the world through a procession (outside, weather permitting). Fr. Eric Boelscher will give the homily at the Solemn Closing. Please make an effort to be in attendance with school students and the rest of the parish.

Lectio Divina – Praying the Scriptures

Our adult faith formation groups have good sized groups on Monday evening and Thursday mornings. I always feel like there should be crowds because these are such great opportunities to learn the faith, be formed in faith and share the faith. It is a highlight of my week when I get to lead these sessions.

Finance / Stewardship Report – November 11 – 12

A financial report will be distributed at all Masses. I will also give the homily focused on stewardship.

Upcoming Events

October

25	Annual Ministry Dinner	6:00pm Memorial Hall
28	Mens' Day of Recollection	
29	RCIA Day of Reflection	
28 / 29	Blessing of Child in Womb	5pm and 9:30am Masses

November

10 – 12	Eucharistic Devotions with Solemn Closing on	Sunday at 4:00pm
11 / 12	Financial Stewardship Report	All Sunday Masses
14	Parent meeting for children preparing for First Reconciliation	
26	Opening of Year of Prayer for Vocations to Priesthood	3:00pm at Cathedral

December

3 – 9	St. Joseph host Family Promise	
10 – 16	St. Luke Lutheran host Family Promise	
11	Advent Penance Service	7:00pm Church
15	Christmas Collage Concert	7:30pm Church

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Addendum #2

Parish Council Principal's Report (Sue Greis)
Principal's Report

Addendum #3

From: Lee Kessen St Joseph Parish Business Manager

Received approval for separation of rectory (home) from parish offices. Working on finalization of the plans and to be able to accept bids for the work that will need to be contracted. Other projects to be addressed at this time are finishing Memorial hall, and the preparation for the elevator for the church building.

Provided Catholic Mutual with documentation of an accident that occurred on our property September 18th.

Below is the comments about Duke for Council information:

Continuing to meet with Duke energy for the replacement and relocation of the gas transmission line right away thru our property. Have had several meeting and this project is scheduled to happen next summer. Nothing is finalized at this time, informational meetings only. Will continue to keep the council updated as we get closer to the actual project implementation.

Addendum #4

Board of Ed report from Hollie via Julie Piscitello email .

- No report