

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES – TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020  
MEETING ROOM A, 7:00 – 8:15**

**OPENING PRAYER**

St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus and faithful spouse of Mary, we choose you today as our patron and intercessor with God. As our parish celebrates 150 years, may we be grateful for the past, faithful in the present, and hopeful for the future. With Mary, our Mother, include our parish among those under your guidance and protection. May we always be numbered among your beloved friends. Amen.

**ATTENDANCE**

		P	A			P	A
<b><u>Pastor</u></b>				<b><u>Ex Officio Members</u></b>			
Fr. Gerry Reinersman		X		Deanery Pastoral Council:			X
				Parish Finance Council:			X
<b><u>Parish Administrators</u></b>				<b><u>Lay Council Members</u></b>			
Deacon:	Steve Bennett		X	Chair:	Steve Gooderson	X	
Business Manager:	Tim Dunn	X		Vice Chair/Finance:	Ron Reckner		X
Principal:	Sue Greis	X		Secretary/Liturgy:	Mike Enzweiler	X	
Religious Education:	Vicki Klocki/		X	Youth & Family:	CJ Peters	X	
	Steve Fischer		X	Public Relations:	Amy Hill		X
Board of Education:	Rick Wolf/	X		Planning & Development:	Brian Stegman	X	
	Linda Bricking		X	Social Action/Outreach:	Mike Emerine	X	

**Also Present:**

- Brian Hils, oncoming lay member
- Hollie Lusby, oncoming lay member
- Kyle Sebree, oncoming lay member

**Approval of May Minutes:**

- Moved by: Brian Stegman      Seconded: CJ Peters

**Old Business:**

- None

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**REPORTS OF PARISH ADMINISTRATORS**

**Pastor's Report:**

- See the attached report of Fr. Reinersman

**Principal's Report:**

- See the attached report of Sue Greis

**Religious Education Report:**

- Vicki is planning an Evangelization Weekend for July 11-12, for those interested in joining the RCIA program
- Vicki formed a leadership group to try to implement Walking With Purpose – a women's Scripture study
- Steve Fischer is preparing COVID-precautions for Parish School of Religion. Registration is August 30.

**Business Manager's Report:**

- Pavilion – good progress on construction of the pavilion. Still on track to meet the goal to be completed by August 1.
- The playground equipment is onsite. Assembly should begin the week of July 6. It will take approximately 2 and a half days to assemble
- Stegman Landscaping's bid was accepted for concrete work in the front church parking lot and back driveway

**Board of Education Report:**

- The Constitution was recently updated

**REPORTS OF LAY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Finance Report** – *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.*

- No report from Ron Reckner (absent)

**Planning, Development, & Maintenance 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.*

- See the Business Manager Report

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**Public Relations & Communications Report** - *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)*

- No report from Amy Hill (absent)

**Social Action & Outreach 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.*

- Family Promise project is on hold due to COVID-19

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

- No report

**Liturgy & Worship 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.*

- No report from Mike Enzweiler

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

- No report from CJ Peters

**New Business:**

- Election of new officers:
  - Chairperson – Brian Stegman
  - Vice-Chair – Mike Emerine
  - Secretary – Amy Hill

**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: Mike Emerine

Seconded by: CJ Peters

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**Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

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**PASTOR’S REPORT**

**Mass attendance under COVID precautions**

Sunday Mass attendance is ticking up ever so slightly from the first days of the COVID restrictions when public Mass was allowed again. I’m sure there’s a wide range and variety of reasons people would give for not attending Sunday Mass. We continue to live-stream the 9:30 am Mass. Some of the more frail members of the parish are hesitant to have anyone come to their home with Holy Communion. The precautions we are taking seem to be going well enough and E-giving has helped with the offertory.

**Memorial Hall and Jubilee Park management**

Andy Yeager, newly appointed Director of Maintenance, will take over managing Memorial Hall and Jubilee Park Pavilion. This job will be independent of his maintenance duties. We’re looking forward to seeing how Andy will work to achieve some of the changes discussed at prior PPC meetings.

**Festival**

The festival will be limited to an online Super Raffle and Grand Raffle. I commend Tim Machenheimer and CJ Peters for stepping forward to chair the Festival Committee. They have both already committed to chairing next year’s festival as well.

**Jubilee *“Grateful for the past – Faithful in the present – Hopeful for the future”***

Our parish Jubilee Committee has resumed meeting and is planning to retrieve as much of the planned spirit and activities as possible. Right now the sure things are 1) hanging pictures of the pastors who served on this site in Memorial Hall; 2) a video profile of the parish; 3) dedication of Jubilee Park after the 5pm Mass on August 15; 4) Jubilee Mass at 11:30am on Sunday, September 27 with Bishop Foys as celebrant and homilist. Otherwise we will be incorporating the Jubilee observance into the regular parish activities as we are able, such as making the Jubilee motto the theme for the school year.

**2020 Diocesan Parish Annual Appeal**

The DPAA has been re-booted, albeit by mail. Every parish household should have received an envelope with relevant information. Our 2019 and 2020 rebates are dedicated to the Organ Repair Fund. 2019 rebates totaled \$35,577, which is \$5,500 less than anticipated because all pledges were not paid.

This year’s goal is \$102,400. The COVID shut down interrupted this year’s DPAA. The DPAA will be conducted primarily by direct mail solicitations and any parish follow-up activities (such as a phone-a-thon). A letter was sent to every parish household at the end of May announcing its re-start. A progress report was expected by mid-June but has not been generated yet and a follow up letter will go out in mid-July.

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**Tuition Assistance**

At the direction of the Diocese, tuition and fees for 2020-2021 school year have been frozen at last year's level. The Wilfred Neltner St. Joseph School Endowment has allowed us to provide \$43,317 in direct tuition grants and aid to families for next year. This represents an average of 28% of total tuition for 23 families. The endowment has also allowed us to keep tuition increases at a minimum. If there had been a 4% rise in tuition every year since 2013-2014 tuition for 1 child would be 6,034 over this year's 5,115, for 2 children 9,670 over 8,189 and for 3 or more children 11,768 over 9,975.

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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**2020-2021 School Year**

- Will begin on Aug. 12
- The school theme will match the theme for the parish jubilee. Each trimester we will have a different focus
  - Grateful for the past
  - Faithful in the present
  - Hopeful for the future
- Plans are being made to reopen school in August and will be announced soon
- Teacher technology training happening this summer
- Personnel
  - Nichole Hartig – new 5th grade teacher
  - Don Zengel – new jr. high religion teacher
  - Lori Lang - new school nurse
- Grandfolks Day is cancelled this year

**First Communion**

- June 20
- July 25

**Initiatives**

- No new initiatives will be introduced in the new school year