

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH  
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES  
March 3, 2015  
Approved April 7, 2015**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Father Celestine Byekwaso, Jerry DeBruin, Pat Kosuth, Nora LaPlant, Jim Margetta, Mike Folgert, Ryan Johnson

**Excused:** Ann Bradford, Ann LaFleur

**Absent:** Frank Faucett

1. Meeting was called to order in the John Paul II room at 6:30 p.m. by Jim Margetta. Father Celestine led the opening prayer.
2. **Approval / Amendments**
  - a. **Minutes from the meeting on January 27, 2015**

A motion was made to accept the minutes by Pat Kosuth and seconded by Jerry DeBruin.
  - b. **Agenda for March 3, 2014.** Motion was made by Nora LaPlant to accept the agenda. Seconded by Pat Kosuth.
3. **Public Participation / Correspondence / Information from Parish staff members:**
  - a. Father shared that two individuals had approached him about why he stopped formally welcoming visitors and recognizing birthdays/anniversaries. He shared the conversation and explanation to those individuals who were satisfied with his response.
  - b. Father shared that he is re-communicating that all those who bring Holy Communion to the homebound/nursing homes understand that it should be only taken if it can be delivered the same day.
4. **Committee Reports:**
  - a. **Decorating Teams:** Nora reported that some tasks are not always clear and completed during the different seasons at St Joe's church. There is not a clear ownership to each task. Nora was asked by Father to put together a list of items that need to occur at particular times so that individuals / ushers can support these tasks. Nora to provide this for the Easter season and going forward.
  - b. **Hospitality – quarterly recognition for those who serve the parish (Ushers, Servers, Proclaimers, and Eucharistic Ministers). Status update.**
    - i. Ann LaFleur coordinated last recognition meal for the Musicians on February 13<sup>th</sup> at the River's Edge. Thanks to Ann for coordinating this activity – the feedback was very positive.
    - ii. Pastoral Council will continue to consider holding a Day of Appreciation in 2015 for all volunteers – this was to be planned around the annual meeting.
    - iii. Jim asked about the information collected from the Stewardship Sunday back in November. The list is compiled and complete. No

formal step has been taken to communicate out to all those who are interested. At the next meeting, we will review each service type to make sure there is an identified contact person/leader so we can begin reaching out to those who have requested to be involved. We also can then publish the list of contact people/leaders for the Parish to know for future interest. Father also suggested that we look at offering the role of alternate to some positions, so people would not have to be on the rotation schedules, but are known to be available to contact if needed.

**c. Finance Council – update provided by Nora LaPlant**

- i. Nora reported that we will continue to support the Salvation Army with a monthly contribution. The finance council is moving forward with repairs to the cupboards in the parish center.

**5. Activities / Projects**

**a. Adult Faith Formation Options**

- i. Carol Masuga provided a presentation on prayer life scheduled on 2/24. The council discussed how the event went, the feedback they received from those in attendance and also suggestions on future events. The main concern or change was related to timing as it started a little later than originally planned. Overall, a great turn out of over 60 people.
- ii. Doug Barry has been confirmed as second speaker scheduled for 3/24/15 at 6PM. Nora was asked to coordinate the hospitality portion including a light dessert on the tables to save some time on starting the event. The council discussed the way we advertise this event, making sure that we include the request to sign up ahead of time. Father will continue to publicize in the bulletin and during Mass.
- iii. Pat Kosuth reported on the Diocese Meeting she attends with the Bishop. She stated that plans are in place to have a large Men's conference in March 2016 at the KI Center with special guest Cardinal Dolan.
- iv. Esto Vir Men's conference is scheduled for 3/7/15 – Ryan and Jim will be attending with 5 other men from the Parish.

- b. **Light House CD discussion group:** Pat Kosuth reported that no one was able to attend the two first sessions. She agreed to put this on hold at this time. The school has been provided this information and will try to promote this with the students.
- c. **Young Adult / Leadership ideas:** Ryan reported that he attended an event hosted by Resurrection's Young Adults group at Murray's Restaurant. He is recommending we align with them to try to promote this in our Parish as well. He is looking at getting a group to join them and then begin a process where we take turns hosting or coordinating events. Concerns about would this affect our Parish membership as a result was raised by Mike.
- d. **Church Directory:** Ryan provided an update on some research he had done on different types of printing quality and possible sources. He also talked about potential sources for photography to keep the price of the directory down. The decision was made to investigate further and put together a proposal on when this could be done

toward the fall time (September was suggested). Next steps will be discussed at the next meeting.

- e. **Website usage tracking and potential for further use:** Prior to the meeting, Elizabeth published information from UES on our website usage. It shows there is steady activity of people searching for a website in Marinette related to our parish. The remaining data is not clear as it collects the number of visits based on Holy Family Parish – not just our site but all sites with this name. Ann was not in attendance to report on Website feedback from her daughter.
  - f. **Music / New Song Books:** The council agrees that our choirs and musicians are very dedicated and we are blessed to have them, however concerns about it become stagnate. Ryan commented on how he had attended a 6PM Mass at Resurrection Parish and the musician used a guitar and sang some different songs. He is going to reach out to Father Ryan to see if he could ask this musician to attend one of our 10 a.m. Masses to see how our Parish responds to this change. Jerry asked how the music / song selections were made. He was going to follow up with Carolyn at 8 A.M. Mass to see how the music is selected. Father is going to recommend that in May and October, Marian hymns are chosen more often.
  - g. **New Members to the council – open position to fill:** Jim reviewed the membership status and the need to fill one open position. Jim to review the list of people who showed an interest during Stewardship Sunday and a person recommended by Pat Kosuth.
- 6. **Pastor's Report:** Fr. Celestine reported he will be performing the washing of feet with students from different families during Holy Week. He also reported that the Passion Narrative changes will take place with individuals staying within their roles throughout. He also reported his preparations for his absence in May.
  - 7. **Tabled items so we don't forget:** Billboard Advertisement, End of Life Speakers, Future recognition opportunities with the annual meeting.
  - 8. **Next meeting time:** April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 @ 6:30 PM John Paul II room
  - 9. **Closing Prayer**
    - a. Motion to adjourn 8:15 p.m.: Motion was made by Jerry DeBruin and seconded by Mike Folgert.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jim Margetta