

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
June 2nd, 2015**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Father Celestine Byekwaso, Jerry DeBruin, Pat Kosuth, Jim Margetta, Mike Folgert, Ann LaFleur, Nora LaPlant, Jaime Benson

Excused: Ann Bradford, Ryan Johnson

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 April 28th, 2015**

A motion was made to accept the minutes by Pat Kosuth and seconded by Jerry DeBruin.
 - b. **Agenda for June 2, 2014.** Jaime asked for a new member welcome or explanation to be added, which it was. The agenda was accepted by Ann LaFleur and seconded by Nora LaPlant.
3. **Public Participation / Correspondence / Information from Parish staff members:**
 - a. No new correspondence at this time.
4. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Decorating Teams:**
 - i. Nora LaPlant has typed up the list of items for decorating St. Joe's Church. She also has taken pictures so decorators have some reference to use if needed. The suggestion was made by Father for Nora to also post a copy on the bulletin area for the ushers to use as well. Nora did not think this was necessary and gave Kathy King a copy instead.
 - ii. Nora LaPlant also did some research and is recommending we purchase a new Nativity Set for OLOL church as the current one is worn/damaged thru normal use. She provided quotations of \$1,700 and the group agreed it was a sound approach. Discussion on publicizing different fund raising options or asking people to donate to purchase particular items. Before any action is taken, it was decided that we should discuss with the Finance Council at our upcoming meeting with them in August.
 - b. **Hospitality – update on Stewardship list, key leaders and publication.**
 - i. The committee reviewed the updated list as edited by the office staff. The council group was in agreement this was a good first list. Father agreed that he and Elizabeth would contact the identified leaders/chairpersons for each ministry on the list. Each person would be asked to reach out to the parishioners who signed up for their ministry.
 - ii. The decision to move the Stewardship weekend up from November will be reconsidered after confirmation that we have reached out to all those signed up last year. Jaime stated it does not make sense to ask again for people to sign up when we have contacted them from last time.
 - iii. Ann L. was asked who is leading the Hospitality committee. Investigation on what this requires is being discussed outside the meeting.

c. Finance Council – update provided by Nora LaPlant

- i. Nora does not attend the meeting, however read through the Finance Council's meeting minutes. Last meeting they discussed sidewalk completion, new handrails, and grass cutting for St. Joe's.
- ii. Jim Margetta reported the Diocesan Pastoral Council Policies states we need to meet once per year with the Finance Council. Jim will contact the Finance Council to coordinate on August 4th. Several topics of interest are; annual parish meeting, picnic in 2016, new Nativity set, future speakers/budget for ministries, photo directory, musicians, need for future Deacon and the polka mass.

5. Activities / Projects

a. Adult Faith Formation Options

- i. Esto Vir Men's conference was attended by Ryan and Jim with 6 other men from our Parish. One suggested item from the conference is for a men's group to be initiated called "That Man is You". There is a great deal of information about this ministry thru the diocese, yet someone needs to lead this. Mike Folgert is going to see the interest with the Knights of Columbus. The group agreed to keep this on the agenda.
- ii. Jim suggested we pursue the end of life discussion topic as our next speaker. The council agreed this was a great topic. Ann LaFleur agreed to contact the diocese about coordinating such an event. This will be added to the next agenda.

b. **Young Adult / Leadership ideas:** Ryan Johnson reported no new progress on this other than Menominee continues to do a good job with this and we should collaborate with them as much as possible.

c. **Church Directory:** Ryan provided information on quotes for the photographer and publisher of the book. The council asked to look at more than two dates/times, how the books would be distributed, who would pay for them, if we could add names of those who did not want their picture, how to get pictures submitted if someone could not attend, how to buy the pictures, should we have staff pictures and activity pictures from the website. Ryan will finalize the information so we can provide details to the Finance committee. Target timing is to take pictures in September and publish before year end.

d. **Longer range calendar of events for the Pastoral Council to use for planning purposes.** Jim Margetta provided an example to the council members for their review and feedback. This will be a living document that will require someone from the council to maintain going forward. Complete – remove from future agenda.

e. **Music:** Father has a meeting during early June to establish a go forward plan related to music. He is also looking at adding an additional musician to be available when needed.

f. **Polka Mass idea:** The council decided to go with only the Polka Mass without the after event at the center. This was based on timing and no one to own this particular event. Father will reach out to see if he can coordinate the musicians for the Mass in October. Father will ask for information from those who expressed an interest so it can be discussed with the finance council.

- g. **New Members to the council – open position to fill:** Welcome Jaime Benson, we are glad to have you as part of the council. Jim will reach out to another individual to see if they are interested as Ann Bradford also stated she is going to step down from the council.
- 6. **Pastor's Report:** Fr. Celestine reported STAA school year has gone well, Friday masses are going to continue as planned at this time.
- 7. **Next meeting time:** August 4th, 2015 @ 6:30 PM Parish center with Finance Council
- 8. **Closing Prayer**
 - a. Motion to adjourn 8:30 p.m.: Motion was made by Jerry DeBruin seconded by Ann LaFleur.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Margetta