

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
September 22nd, 2015**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Father Celestine Byekwaso, Jerry DeBruin, Jim Margetta, Mike Folgert, Ann LaFleur, Nora LaPlant and Ryan Johnson.

Absent: Jamie Benson, Pat Kosuth

1. Meeting was called to order in John Paul II room at 6:35 p.m. by Jim Margetta. Father Celestine led the opening prayer.
2. **Approval / Amendments**
 - a. Minutes from the meeting on August 4th, 2015 were approved as recommended by Jerry DeBruin and seconded by Mike Folgert.
 - b. Agenda for September 22nd meeting – Ryan made a motion to accept the agenda as printed and Nora LaPlant seconded the motion and it was passed.
3. **Public Participation / Correspondence / Information from Parish staff members:**
 - a. Jerry DeBruin asked for us to consider the future state of St. Joe's church given money is being allocated by the Finance Council for repairs to the roof. The group discussion was asking about the longevity of this church. Two outcomes came from the discussion. One – Nora would verify the investment to fix the roof, as if it is a small amount – there is no reason to proceed. If it is a large amount, it would be worth immediate discussion. The second item was how we would approach a discussion on the future of St. Joe's church. It was agreed that until the councils, both Finance and Pastoral, define a plan to use the resources made available by consideration of closing, the discussion would be tabled. The feeling is that without a clear defined plan to explain, many emotional concerns would be conveyed.
4. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Decorating teams** – Nora reported that the new Nativity Scene is ordered and funds have been donated to cover the costs. The old scene has been donated and delivered to Abundant Life Mission. They have provided a thank you to our parish.
 - b. **Hospitality Status.** Nora provided a copy of the sign up form for Stewardship sign up weekend that is scheduled for October 10th and 11th. The group reviewed this and asked for some small additions. Mike F. provided a copy of a stewardship commitment sheet that he had seen at a different parish. It was reviewed by the group and it was agreed that an insert of this document would be put in the bulletin or with the sign-up sheet. Mike would provide this to the Parish office to help coordinate.
 - c. **Welcoming Committee.** Ann L. asked about the future need / situation with a welcoming committee. The council agreed this is something we need in our parish, especially for new members. In the short-term, Father or the parish office will contact one of the council members to greet or welcome a new member to the parish. Father will also put something in the bulletin to request interest in the committee. It will also be on the Stewardship list to ask for interested parish members. Lastly, a comment was made we need to do something like a pancake breakfast once per month like other parishes have done to get more engagement for our families on a regular basis.
 - d. **Finance Council.** The date has been set for the annual parish meeting for October 18th. Jim provided a copy of the information that would be shared by our council as a hand out at the

parish meeting. Mike Folgert and Ann LaFleur offered suggestions to add two additional items to the list. The council agreed this would be best provided as a handout at the meeting. Jim also provided a list of 10 potential topics for presentation offered by the Diocese. This will be given to attendees at the parish meeting and broadcast further to see which topics the council should promote and potentially schedule. Jim will bring copies for the annual meeting and send electronic copies to the council.

5. **Activities / Projects**

- a. **Direction of the council.** Jaime was to bring some information on a survey discussion he wanted to initiate. The council agreed that we need to spend some time talking about our future vision and mission. We need to have something to work toward so we can see that our actions/plans support this vision and mission. Meeting time will be allocated to this discussion at our next meeting.
 - b. **Adult Faith Formation Options**
 - i. End of life discussion presentation has been scheduled for October 13th. Thanks to Ann for setting this up. She is also to coordinate refreshments for this night. Nora stated this will be communicated at the senior event coming up.
 - ii. Jim reported that he will not be focused on the "This Man is You" group, rather focus on the Steubenville youth group. They are planning to meet monthly.
 - c. **Young Adult Leadership Group.** Ryan updated that no formal change has occurred. However, Fr. Ryan in Menominee left and has been replaced by Fr. Brad. Ryan is to meet with Fr. Brad to see what activity is upcoming with this Parish.
 - d. **Church Directory.** Ryan made contact with a company out of Oconto Falls, who provided a very positive quote. Ryan reviewed the quote with council and the group agreed to move forward. Ryan is going to find out their availability and some info so it can be broadcast as soon as possible to try to get dates at the end of October and early November.
 - e. **Polka Mass.** Plan to book as part of the Parish Picnic in 2016. Jerry is going to keep in touch with Ken King about any plans for the Parish Picnic for 2016.
 - f. **Long term need for a deacon.** Pat and Jaime were to provide an update and potential job description for future consideration. No update provided.
 - g. **Music.** Future plans beyond just having a backup. Father reported he has identified a backup in case of need, but no plans to include this person in the rotation. This continues to be stagnant as we have no next steps planned.
6. **Pastor's report.** Father stated he has invited STAA group to the cemetery cleaning and schedule. He also stated he plans to continue the saying of the Rosary before Mass. Lastly, he stated that the parish will continue to recognize graduating altar servers who serve throughout high school with a \$250 scholarship.
 7. **Next meeting. The Pastoral council will meet again on October 20th at 6:30 PM.**
 8. **Mike Folgert made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ann LaFleur. The meeting ended.**

Respectfully Submitted by Jim Margetta