

Saint Joseph Parish Council meeting minutes – Tuesday, July 11, 2017

Present: Father Dave & Council members Patti Behrens, Mary Barrett, Doug Kotecki, Ron Steponkus, Marge Hollenberger, Sue Tronnes, Brian Timmerman, John Scherrer, Jamey Siegert, and Jason Oswald.

Absent: Gina Petry

Sue called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Father opened with a prayer.

A motion was made by Sue to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2017, Council meeting. Motion was made by Sue to approve the minutes and seconded by Mary. Motion was passed.

Election of Officers:

- Sue described her role as Chairperson. There were two nominations for Chairperson: Sue and Patty. A hand vote was taken. Patty was voted in as new Chairperson.
- Mary described her role as Vice Chairperson. Mary was nominated to continue as Vice Chairperson. A hand vote was taken. Mary was voted to remain as Vice Chairperson.
- Marge described her role as Secretary. Brian was nominated to become new Secretary. A hand vote was taken. Brian was voted in as new Secretary.

There was no update from the Finance Committee as Gina was absent.

The Building and Grounds Committee didn't have an update as their previous spokesperson was an outgoing Parish Council member. Father Dave and Brian will try to reach John Hammer before upcoming meetings to get a short report from him.

Doug gave a recap of the Parish Council elections. A formal election was not held this year due to the small number of nominees. He was later contacted by an individual who had put their name in one of the election boxes but was never called. Doug stated that the name wasn't in the election box. We will have to come up with a different idea in the future to keep this situation from happening again. Sue suggested we should have elections each year regardless of the number of nominees to avoid this problem in the future.

Father Dave's report: Father stated that we need to come up with ideas to get more ushers for our Saturday night Mass. Father mentioned the possibility of having the ushers being put on a schedule the same way our greeters, lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are. Patti mentioned the possibility of having our high school religious education students serve as ushers. Father also mentioned the possibility of having women help out as well. All members thought these were good ideas to work with. He is also actively recruiting more lectors.

Father Dave gave an update on the Parish Administrator position. Father is finishing up the job description and is also working on the salary. He thinks the salary will fall in the \$40,000 to \$50,000 range. He is also considering having this person do work for both the Edgerton and Milton parishes, so he is working out some more details. He has contacted the candidate to see if they would be interested in working for both places. Doug mentioned the possibility of opening the position up so others could apply for it as well. Great discussion points from everyone and Father is going to do more work with this position. He will go back and discuss it with the Finance Committee.

Becky Eastman stopped in at the meeting to discuss new Council members. The Diocese of Madison is requesting new Council members to have a background check, credit check, and check a box on the form stating they are doing work for the Church. She will be sending out an email to new members with more information once the website becomes active.

Parish Council Projects: Father has stated that no new fundraisers can be started until the Priests for Our Future Campaign is complete, which is a 5-year campaign. As a Parish, we have pledged over 149% of our goal; our collected goal is at 90% and our collected pledge is at 60%. More investigation is needed to clarify when our goal is completed so we can start new fundraisers.

John asked questions about how we can get more parish members to contribute financially to our church weekly. Doug mentioned that Milton does automatic withdrawals. Mary suggested doing mailings to everyone. Father said he would talk with the Fellowship Committee. Doug will talk with Gina to possibly get more information about this issue.

Sue brought up concerns about Mass time changes when Father has a substitute. Other parishioners wonder why Edgerton Masses get affected all the time. Father tried doing other ways in the past and members complained.

The Fellowship Committee didn't have an update as their previous spokesperson was an outgoing Parish Council member. Doug will work on getting a report from them for each meeting going forward.

The Fall Festival Committee reports they are looking for volunteers to sell Parish Raffle tickets before and after Masses.

Brian suggested putting a brief summary in the bulletin of Parish Council meetings to give parish members information on what is happening. This seemed to be a good idea and Brian will try this going forward. He will send the summary to Patty for approval before submitting.

Future meetings will be the 1st Tuesday of each month. August 1, September 5, October 3, November 7, and December 5, 2017; January 2, February 6, March 6, April 3, May 1, and June 5, 2018.

Father closed the meeting with a prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.