

## **Saint Joseph Parish Council meeting minutes – Tuesday, October 3, 2017**

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

Patti 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 September 5, 2017, Council meeting. Seconded by Marge. Motion was passed.

Gina gave an update from the Finance Committee. The reports from last month's audit were not complete yet. Jason stated the reports will take a month.

The Building and Grounds Committee passed along their minutes from August 29. It was reported the air conditioner in Father's apartment wasn't working. Father would like a parish council member to attend Building and Grounds meetings. A motion was made by Brian and seconded by Gina for Jason or Brian to attend these meetings.

Father Dave's report:

- Paul Jozwiak has accepted the position of Religious Education Coordinator. There were 6 people on the interview committee and Paul was the top choice from each member. He has worked on mission trips and at Camp Grey, to name a few of his experiences. Father thought it would be a good idea to form a committee to work with Paul to discuss what has been working and what hasn't been working for our Religious Ed. program. He was given a handful of names from council members and Father will be contacting those individuals to see if they would like to be on that committee.
- Jon Peterson told Father this was our best Parish Festival yet. Mary will contact John for a complete report of final numbers to share at our next meeting. There was discussion on some possible improvements to help make the festival even more successful next year.
- There are 7 RCIA candidates for this year.
- Christmas weekend will be busy. Saturday, December 23: 4 pm Mass at St Mary's. Sunday, December 24: 10:30 am Mass at St Joseph. Also on Sunday, December 24: Christmas Eve Masses will be at 4:00pm and 6:00pm at both St Mary's and St Joseph. Monday, December 25: Christmas Masses will be at 9:00am at St Mary's and 10:30am at St. Joseph.
- Father has friends in Cambridge whose son-in-law, Mustafa, is Muslim. Mustafa will be at St Joseph on November 10 at 6:30pm to discuss the life of Islam.

The Fellowship Committee minutes from their September meeting were passed out. They are working on some great ideas: the possibility of using SCRIPT, parish information booklets, and an outreach activity for Advent.

Old Business:

- Sue stated it is almost a year since Donut Sundays began. It has had income of \$2100 and expenses of \$1700, for a profit of \$400. Gina suggested using that money to pay for the rest of the year's donuts. In November Gina will be sending out letters to businesses asking for another year's donation for covering donut costs.

New Business:

- Jason is working with Linda Quam to coordinate the money counting processes for collections.
- Jason is going to do some investigating and research more information for online giving using the Diocese software. He will talk with Mary Ann Ivey and with St Mary's as they have been using the Diocese software for 3 years now. Once Jason has all the information that is needed, he will work on preparing to present it to the Finance Committee.

Father closed the meeting with a prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.