

# MINUTES - ST. JOSEPH PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

September 12, 2018- 7pm St. Joseph Cafeteria

*Attendees: Fr. Mark Prill, Irene Cousino, Pam Cousino, Rich Cousino, Peg Cousino, Jackie Drouillard, Michael Precht, Jim Rye, Steve Roznowski, Kaleb Spotts, Danny Taylor*

## **1. Opening prayer: Reflection of Mark 8:27-35**

*Meeting called to order at 7:00. Fr. Mark offered opening prayer. Gospel was read and group offered reflections.*

## **2. Approval of June meeting minutes**

*No minutes available.*

## **3. Approval of Agenda**

*Pam made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved unanimously.*

## **4. Commission/Committee reports**

### **a. Education Pam Cousino**

*Pam provided an update. Noted that the commission is getting smaller and is looking for new members. Pam expressed that the most challenging group to reach has been young adults just out of high school and is soliciting ideas to reach this group.*

### **b. Worship Jackie Drouillard**

*Jackie provided an update. Fr. Mark is currently in the process of scheduling meetings with readers, extraordinary ministers, etc. Worship commission is working with Fr. Mark to plan a special event for All Souls Day.*

### **c. Stewardship Rich Cousino**

*Rich provided an update. There is a need to recruit more people and Fr. Mark suggested setting up a table after Mass for information. One or two groups could setup after each Mass to speak with parishioners. Idea received positive feedback. Father would like help compiling a list of what is available. Michael expressed a need for evangelization to keep people involved.*

### **d. Christian Service Irene Cousino**

*Irene provided an update. Christian Service commission held meetings in July and September. Discussed bereavement ministry but may not be able to support only at St. Joseph and may need vicariate support. Irene is reaching out to St. Mary's to see what is available. Fr. Mark noted that there is a need for bereavement service, suggested checking with Catholic Charities. Continuing with monthly dinners at Oaks of Righteousness and are looking for groups to sponsor dinners.*

### **e. Evangelization Ben Liedel**

*Jim provided an update. Alpha program ended with hotdog roast. New session is starting 9/25. Had 25 people sign up at the festival. Format is a dinner, followed by a lecture and discussion. There are three new leaders from the last Alpha program. Currently planning to do four alpha groups in a row, before doing something different. Next meeting will be on 9/21. Ben Liedel has recently started a youth basketball ministry.*

**f. Vicariate**

*A new Vicar has been named. St. Joseph is still in need of a parish representative.*

**g. Bicentennial** Peg Cousino

*Peg provided an update. Justin is no longer able to participate in the committee and Peg has taken over leadership. Looking for more people to participate in the committee. The Archbishop will preside over the bicentennial mass on 10/19/19. Bicentennial activities will begin in November of 2018 and committee would like to use events as an opportunity to evangelize. Events will be advertised in the Erie Township newsletter. So far, about 100 t-shirts have been sold. Activities will include: making advent wreaths, painting rocks, mother's tea party, fathers bonfire cookout, and dinner. Order of Alhambra will be presenting a plaque on 2/24/19. Committee will be coordinating to put events on parish webpage. Group discussed several options for financing the dinner, but no decision was reached.*

**5. Finance Council** Chuck Close

*No one present to provide an update.*

**6. Old Business**

**a. Security**

*Parish now has an AED. Rich is working on a proposal to address other emergency situations to review with the Archdiocese.*

**b. Renovation project**

*Fr. Mark noted that the Archdiocese is putting together a capital campaign for schools next year. Fr. Mark will need to approve any renovations and is in the process of reviewing the items that have been proposed.*

**c. Capital improvement project**

*Archdiocese may allow a capital campaign, so long as funds are set aside to replace the church roof. Rich is currently getting bids for the front canopy.*

**7. New Business**

**a. Replacement for at-large position (3yrs)**

*Justin's position has become vacant. Names will be solicited and a replacement chosen by the end of October.*

**8. Pastoral Report**

*Fr. Mark noted that the Archbishop recently met with priests. Another meeting is scheduled for 9/26. Archdiocese is preparing response to Philadelphia scandal.*

*Fr. Mark stressed the importance of transparency and communication. He wants to make sure events get added to the parish calendar, Pastoral Council minutes are in the bulletin, and updates on parish projects and finances are available.*

**9. Closing Prayer**

*Fr. Mark offered closing prayer. Meeting adjourned at*

**Next meeting: October 10, 2018**

*Minutes submitted by Steve Roznowski*