

# ST. JOSEPH PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

## MINUTES

September 11, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Cafeteria



**SAINT JOSEPH**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
Erie, Michigan

*Attendees: Fr. Mark, Yvonne Bellestri, Chuck Close, Irene Cousino, Pam Cousino, Bill Morrison, Michael Precht, Steve Roznowski, Jim Rye, Kaleb Spotts, Sharon Larrow*

**1. Opening Prayer: Reflection on Luke 15:1-32**

**2. Approval of June Meeting Minutes**

*Approved*

**3. Approval of Agenda**

*Approved*

**4. Commission/Committee reports**

**a. Education**

Pam Cousino

- 1. Reviewing old 5-year plan until new is approved by AOD.*
- 2. Vocation Mass is always second Thursday of each month.*
- 3. Nov 14 will be holy hour for vocations at St. Joseph.*
- 4. Contact Laura if you have interest in hosting of the Chalice.*
- 5. Youth ministry reboot more to come but they are entertaining what the program will look like in 2019.*

**b. Worship**

Sharron Larrow

- 1. Details for anniversary mass still in discussion stage.*
- 2. Fr. Mark spoke with the Worship team about idea of alternating members who attend the Parish Council Meetings.*
- 3. Brainstormed long and short-term goals for Worship team.*
- 4. Inquiring as to how team get a budget.*

**c. Stewardship**

Fr. Mark

- 1. Discussed stewardship magazine from Previous Parrish. Recommend we look at maybe doing something similar to it.*
- 2. Possible project for aspects of stewardship I.e., time, talent and treasure.*
- 3. Everyone who turns 18 should be registered with the parish. Stressed importance of joining the parish.*

**d. Christian Service**

Irene Cousino

- 1. still doing dinners for Righteousness of Oaks.*

**e. Evangelization**

Bill Morrison

- 1. Next meeting coming next week with attention on future goals and plans.*
- 2. All welcome to meetings we are seeking team members.*

**f. Communication**

Pam Cousino

- 1. New business changes in parish communications being discussed and will follow soon.*
- 2. Parish email address for pictures has been made available to parish family.*

3. *Bulletins likely to change in next month or two and will likely impact future preplanning to get things in the works.*

**g. Bicentennial** Yvonne Bellestri

1. *Time capsule will be completed after the new year*
2. *Polo shirts still in process concerns about timing.*
3. *Eighth grade project for homeless still being worked on. Maybe move for 2020 project for school kids to get involved.*
4. *Picnic was successful and might try again next year.*
5. *Anniversary mass 4:30 on Oct 19. Dinner afterwards. \$20 per adult. Discussion about dinner and Leadership Commission's decision to add an age restriction for the dinner.*

**5. Finance Council** Chuck Close

1. *Rental house about ready rent in ballpark of \$900 per month.*
2. *Voted on direct deposit (online giving) seems to be moving closer to a go. Cost will be based on number of transactions and credit source.*
3. *Still looking for a pickup truck. Used type 15000 four wheel drive*
4. *Asbestos problem resolved*
5. *Church office housekeeping in progress*
6. *\$93,600 festival take.*

**6. Old Business**

**a. New Pastoral Council Members**

1. *Discussion on future at large members. Give names to Fr. Mark.*
2. *Finance council looking for nominations*
3. *Fr. Mark solicited names for committee.*

**7. New Business**

**a. Protecting God's Children**

1. *Protecting God's Children and background required if you are working with kids.*
2. *We must make sure our team members have been certified. There is a data base that maintains a list. Point of contact is Amy Cousino*

**b. Pastoral Council Member Terms**

**c. Record Keeping**

1. *Who keeps minutes records - will research*

**d. Commission/Committee Goals**

1. *Distributed committee goal sheets to discuss with each committee at future meetings.*

**8. Parishioner Time**

**9. Pastoral Report**

1. *Purged a ton of stuff and still working on it. Rectory housekeeping is ongoing.*
2. *Fr. Mark office moving downstairs soon.*
3. *Great crowds for Solanus Casey.*
4. *Pretty much done with 5-year plan.*
5. *Hunt for new secretary begins first of October.*
6. *200th Ann Mass is progressing well.*

**10. Closing Prayer - Next meeting: October 9, 2019**