

**St. Joseph's Parish Council**  
**November 5, 2018**

**Present:** Fr. Peter Worn, Nancy Light, Ken Schrank, Debbie Moore, Eileen Dailey, Sr. Ellen Lindsley, Anastasia Mello, Dottie Hetnar, Terri Ferguson, Tom Kanaley, Theresa Williams, Jamie Klaben, Lou Lamphear, Charlene Hart, Barb Shepard, Kristen Bealer

**Excused:** Mike Filipski, Ian Sylcox

**Guest:** Dick Strauss – Coordinator for PCA for the 6 parishes in our cluster

Opening Prayer: Barb Shepard

Debbie called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

The minutes of the September 24<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

**Parish Committee Reports:** The parish committee reports were distributed in advance of the meeting and were reviewed by the Council. A summary of items discussed are as follows:

**Finance Committee:**

- The net looks favorable but is somewhat misleading due to an unfilled budgeted position
- Currently \$10,000 short of Hope Appeal assessment
- Father Peter will give a final push for the Hope Appeal over the next few weeks -- discussion followed on how to resolve the issue. One of the difficulties is that some of the parishioners who have already donated and, even some on fixed incomes feel a responsibility to do more. We discussed ways to appeal to the non-participants.

**Buildings and Grounds:**

- Church A/C and Parish Center heating equipment both in need of replacement.
- Parking lot needs repaving

**Liturgy:**

- Reviewed the parish 5 week attendance report which is submitted to the diocese every October.
- Our attendance is down from the previous year. Unsure if the change in Mass schedule is causal or perhaps the comparison was affected by the number of any special youth masses from one year to the next. It was noted that many of the diocesan parishes are experiencing the same problem.

**Youth Ministry:**

- Confirmation classes, and community service activities are going well

- Juniors and Seniors are helping as mentors for Teen Faith.
- Multiple fund raising activities for next year's NCYC trip are underway
- Young Adult ministry has received another Heritage Campaign grant.

### **Activities Committee:**

- Harvest Fest – very successful
- Padre's Pace raised \$3500.00 for the Food Pantry
- Chili Cook-off planning underway-scheduled for March 2,2019

### **Food Pantry**

- Current Director Vanesa McCrea is relocating to the Buffalo area. Fr. Peter asked the Council for recommendations for a possible replacement for her position
- Working on Thanksgiving Distribution (Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>) 70-75 families will receive a bag of food as well as an Aldi's gift card
- Angel Tree Christmas Distribution is Dec.10<sup>th</sup>

### **Pre school**

- Enrollment is up
- Candy sale very successful; raised over \$1800.00

### **Old Business**

- Sister Ellen is mailing welcome letters to new home owners in Camillus
- Parish Council members will serve as greeters at the Masses on the Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> weekend. Debbie Moore will introduce the council to the parish; hopefully this will become a monthly event
- Pennsylvania Abuse Report-Fr. Peter asked for any feedback the council has received. He stated that Danielle Cummings, Chancellor of the Diocese created a listening session at Immaculate Conception in Fayetteville. Peter will ask her to consider doing one for this area.

### **New Business**

- **Website** – Debbie received an email from a parishioner with positive suggestions on how to improve the website. Recommendations included more use of pictures, more detailed descriptions about various parish programs, listing Parish Council members names, email addresses. It was agreed that this is another way to “market” the parish. Kristen Bealer indicated a willingness to meet with Peter Kirk, our current website designer and form a committee with the goal of providing updated information to be included on the site.

## **Parishioner Feedback**

- Microphone issues were mentioned, some areas of the church seem to have “dead spots” and sometimes it is difficult to hear some of the priests depending on which mike they are using. Fr. will ask Josh to get the sound system people back for another evaluation.
- Many positive comments received regarding the Mass of Remembrance.
- Streaming of masses is being well received. Gratitude was expressed by an individual who was unable to attend a good friend’s funeral and he was so pleased to be able to share in the liturgy through the online streaming
- Kudos to Josh for his evening of prayers and music.

## **Pastor’s Comments:**

- We are resuming coffee/social hours after the Masses; trying to have coffee and donut holes/muffins after the 8:00
- Concern about reaching Hope Appeal assessment, as well as a regular decline in weekly income – this issue will be addressed with the Finance committee.
- Introduced Dick Strauss, PCA coordinator who spoke about
  - the future priest shortage
  - Need for laypeople to engage in various non sacramental ministries
  - asked us to think about ways we can cooperate with other parishes in our region
  - Need to select a new parish rep from St. Joseph’s to serve on the PCA
  - Retreat will take place in the spring at Christ the King Retreat House

**Prayer Leader for next meeting: Lou Lamphear**

**Closing Prayer: Barb Shepard**

**Adjournment: 7:50 pm**

**Next Meeting: January 28,2019**

Minutes prepared by Eileen Dailey