

Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish Council Meeting
6:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 20, 2022
Approved Electronically on September 28, 2022

Opening Prayer – Fr. Louis Nelen

Call to Order – Chandra Prasad, President

Roll Call – Darlene Kliethermes

Present: Fr. Louis Nelen, Richard Aubuchon, Keri Austin, Jon Browning, Ann Kampeter, Melanie Lanigan, and Chandra Prasad

Absent: Gina Bailey, Aaron Hildreth, and Morgan Trimble

Minutes of August 9, 2022 Meeting: – (Reviewed/approved by Parish Council on August 29, 2022 via electronic review/vote).

Pastor's Report – Fr. Louis Nelen

Cathedral Renovation

- The current timeline for returning to the undercroft is still looking like November and March to be in upstairs.

Stewardship

- We probably needed to do a better job educating people about how the Stewardship program works. Should have emphasized more on how there would no longer be a CSA campaign, or second collections and the money usually given to those should now be a part of your annual tithe. We should probably still encourage this more.
- We are doing fine financially. However, when you look at the numbers, you need to discount the renovation costs to see that we did come out in the black at year end.

Foundation

- They have not yet approved the new By-Laws.

Cemetery Board for Resurrection Cemetery

- No new report.

Cathedral School Report –by Gina Bailey - See written report.

Youth Report - See written report.

Faith Formation Report – No report.

Stewardship Committee Report – No report.

Social Concerns Committee & Pro-Life Committee - No report

Old Business –

- Parish Mission Statement. We need additional time to work on this. Stewardship Committee is willing to work with us on this.

New Business –

- Parish Pastoral Plan. We are in year two of three and the Bishop asked that we review our plan and respond to his questions. We only had two things in our parish plan that we need to address.
- Activity One - 1) Implement a formal system of volunteer coordination. We were to form a committee to take care of the Time & Talent forms. We took care of that by creating the Stewardship Committee; 2) We said we needed to have a Volunteer Coordinator. That has now become a permanent position with the hiring of Steve Meystrik.
- Volunteer scheduling seems to still be a topic many are talking about. Some of the complaints are that they never get scheduled. Do we need to go back to manually scheduling? More discussion needed to follow up on this.
- In Activity Two we said we needed to implement the Youth Group, especially for high school age students. This was carried out by Julie Gramlich at the time and is now the responsibility of our new Youth Minister, Anna Porting. The intention was to offer some guidance in their faith. This activity did not really get off the ground. We didn't realize the amount of time kids needed for activities in high school. We also got hit with Covid which shut down many activities and the ability to come together. Anna is now working on this to get it off the ground.
- Anna is coordinating with Zach Rockers, the Director of Campus Ministry at Helias to implement some new activities and ways to get the kids involved.
- After discussion it was unanimous that we just need to give Anna a chance since she was just hired here in July.

- Discussion regarding our website and trying to make it better. We need to find someone to assist with the process and determine what needs to be done.

No meeting in October due to deanery meeting.

Closing prayer – Fr. Nelen

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 15, 2022, 6:00 P.M.in the Parish Office

Respectfully submitted: Darlene Kliethermes

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Chandra Prasad, President

Date: _____