

St. Joseph's Parish Council Meet

Secretary's Report, October 3, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Joel Waldo. Father Vince lead the opening prayer. Council Member present were: Fr. Vince, Renee Weichert, Dennis Jesberger, John Damm, Lisa Culek, Audrey Batz, Greg Keip, and Joel Waldo. Paul Maier was excused, and Wendy Wilke was absent.

Linda Bloom was present as Parish Trustee.

Guests were: Sara Dahl, Hannah Dahl, and Taylor Baerwolf.

The secretary's report was approved by e-mail and posted on the website and at the entrances of church.

Finance Committee, no report, upcoming meeting October 10, 2017.

Building and Grounds, Building and Grounds, Option #4 for the proposed building/remodeling project was introduced and explained. This option would put the addition on the back of the present church building and allow the rectory to remain. It is believed that Option #4 would be similar in cost to Option #3, however project costs at this early phase are not valid.

The Building and Grounds Committee will be meeting on October 4, 2017, and requested the council approve the expense to pay Robin Roberts to start the next phase of drawings. It was decided to discuss the plans next month and then approve the money to move forward.

Parish Life, the Fall Festival was held and the income has not been reported at this time, preliminary numbers show a \$4000 increase over last year. The Saturday night beer tent/band had twice as many sales and an increase in food sales.

Trunk or Treat will be held on October 29, 2017 after 10:45 mass in the back parking lot. Sara Dahl is organizing this activity. She will make announcements and print flyers to promote the Trunk or Treat. Parish Life will be serving ham & rolls, chips, pickles and cider for adults and families during this time. Renee Weichert will be organizing the meal.

Liturgy Committee, no meeting.

Cemetery Committee, John Damm reported the paving will begin this week, please remove cemetery decoration for the winter by October 1, 2017, and the CIMS, cemetery management computer program is moving along.

Religious Committee, no meeting. It was reported that the fall Religious Education classes have started for the children.

St. Joseph Youth Activities Group, Sara Dahl will be the adult mentor and coordinator for this group. She would like to have the group separate from the Religious Education program, and to include all children from the parish, not just the RE students. The group will be using flyers and Facebook to share their information with the children and their families. The Facebook page is: St. Joseph's Religious Education Activities. Hannah Dahl and Taylor Baerwolf spoke about the activities they have already planned and ideas for the future. They will be doing fun things, community service and mission/outreach with their group. The youth also requested a seat on the Parish Council which would be filled/attended by one or more students in an advisory capacity.

Discussion was held on a church subsidy for tuition for families going to St. Jerome's or other Catholic schools. Do families come back after 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation? The council will revisit this in the spring.

Discussion was held on promoting a "Parish Tithe". Would we need another committee, or a Donation Coordinator? Joel Waldo will further investigate the parish finances. Audrey Batz questioned why someone from Finance, Bill Ringelstetter or Dom Goddard, are not present at the Council meetings to give a report.

Committee Assignments were chosen.

Finance – Dennis Jesberger, VP  
Building and Grounds – Joel Waldo, John Damm, Greg Keip, Linda Bloom(trustee)  
Parish Life – all council members, Hannah Dahl, Taylor Baerwolf  
Liturgy – Dennis Jesberger, Fr. Vince  
Cemetery – Joel Waldo, John Damm  
Religious Education – Lisa Culek, Audrey Batz

There was some discussion of New Business, but due to the late hour that portion of the Agenda was tabled for the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Lisa made a motion to adjourn, second by Dennis.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Weichert  
Secretary, St. Joseph Parish Council