

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH**  
**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**  
**April 7, 2021**  
**7:00 PM**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Present:** Dustin Auffarth, Sr., Carol Gerkin, Lura Kearns, Cathy Loss, Kelly Lynch, Joe Nassar, Paul Prodoehl, Melissa Schulze, Betty Svirsko, Jeff Topper, Luis Zepeda

**Absent:** David Allen, Joe Kale

**EX OFFICIO NON-VOTING MEMBERS**

**Present:** Monsignor James Lyons, Deacon Carlos Pichardo

**Absent:** Terry Golden, Fr. Sam Miller, Fr. Ignacio Palomino

- I. Msgr. Lyons opened the meeting with a prayer and introduced John Livelsberger as a consultant to the Council. Joe Nassar chaired the meeting. Members attended either in person or via Zoom.
- II. The minutes of the March 2021 meeting were approved after one minor correction. Paul Prodoehl made a motion to accept and Lura Kearns seconded.

**III. New Business**

**A. Cemetery Discussion**

John Livelsberger has extensive experience with parish cemeteries at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Abbottstown and added to the discussion on going forward with our parish cemetery on Grandview Road. Joe Nassar had emailed a Cemetery Analysis to all Council members in preparation for the discussion. The parish cemetery next to Mt. Olivet Cemetery on Baltimore Street currently has 361 lots available at \$850 ea., with an anticipated availability of 24 years at 15 lots sold per year. Discussion centered on the cost of opening the new cemetery on Grandview Rd. (approximately \$150,000) raising the prices on lots, and the possibility of selling the remaining 361 lots to Mt. Olivet. A subcommittee consisting of Joe Nassar, Jeff Topper, and John Livelsberger will meet to discuss the sale with Mt. Olivet before moving forward.

**B. Discussion of Survey Results, Part 2**

1. Aspects of Parish Life – hire a youth minister? Fr. Lyons will contact St. Joseph's parish in York to find out why they no longer have a youth minister.
2. Persons and Programs – CCW offered to reach out to people who cannot attend church and need rides. Jeff Topper will contact St. John's in Westminster regarding their youth ministry programs.
3. Parish Outreach to Groups – Fr. Lyons will contact Joe Pultro, who offered to place information in our bulletin once a month regarding The New Evangelization. Lura recommended sending postcards to new families in our parish and Joe thought we

should advertise our parish in the Merchandiser. Fr. Lyons will call Amy Miller at St. Joseph School to talk about publicity for our parish.

**IV. Committee Reports**

**A. Hispanic Community** – Luis Zepeda gave a report, which was emailed to all Council members. It was also announced that Fr. Ignacio Palomino is retiring at the end of June. The diocese is announcing his position in the Hanover ministry. Luis also asked Fr. Lyons if it would be possible to purchase automatic blinds to reduce the glare in the priest's face during afternoon Mass.

**B. Parish School** – No report

**V. Roundtable**

No discussion.

**VI. Confirmation of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, at 7 PM, in the large conference room and/or via Zoom.

**VII.** Fr. Lyons closed the meeting with the Hail Mary.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Gerkin, Recording Secretary