

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH**  
**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**  
**June 2, 2021**  
**7:00 PM**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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

**Absent:** David Allen, Joe Kale, Kelly Lynch, Melissa Schulze

**EX OFFICIO NON-VOTING MEMBERS**

**Present:** Monsignor James Lyons, Fr. Sam Miller, Carlos Pichardo

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

- I. Msgr. Lyons opened the meeting with a prayer. Joe Nassar chaired the meeting. Members attended either in person or via Zoom.
- II. A motion to approve the minutes of the May 2021 meeting was made by Paul Prodoehl and seconded by Dustin Auffarth. Members voted to approve.

**III. New Business**

**A. Election of New Council Members**

Promotion of the upcoming election is progressing as planned. Only one nomination has been submitted so far. Lura Kearns, Cathy Loss, and Paul Prodoehl agreed to serve as an election committee. Joe will send the timeline to the committee for their review. Deadline for applications is June 15-16.

**B. Preliminary discussion of Alan Smith's projection of expenses**

Msgr. Lyons shared an email to the Council from Allen Smith of Conewago Enterprises, outlining three major capital replacements (Parking Lot, HVAC Units, Parish Center Roof) and their approximate expense of up to \$640,000, which would have to be addressed within the next 10 years. Discussion followed regarding various ways to pay for these expenses, and prioritizing them. Allen will be addressing the Finance Council tomorrow evening.

**IV. Old Business**

**A. Discussion of Survey Results**

Joe made a motion to have an inscription around the Good Shepherd statue to identify it as such. Betty seconded the motion. Msgr. Lyons will contact Bahret Church Interiors in Harrisburg for ideas and cost.

**B. Cemetery Discussion**

Joe Nassar reported that Mt. Olivet is interested in purchasing the remaining 328 plots from St. Joseph, but they need more information. Joe prepared a Cemetery Analysis, which he shared with the Council. Joe will meet with the parish's Finance Committee tomorrow evening to discuss the analysis.

## **V. Committee Reports**

**A.** Hispanic Community – Luis Zepeda read his report.

**B.** Parish School – After extensive interviews, the parish selected David Staub to be the new principal of the elementary school. David will meet with Terry Golden, the outgoing principal, next week.

## **VI. Roundtable**

Betty Svirsko had two questions: Is the Parish Outreach led by Joe Pultro coming soon (it is)? and What is happening with the Youth Ministry? Msgr. Lyons discussed the Youth Ministry that is currently at St. Joseph Parish in York, where they have a paid Youth Minister. Various activities have been tried over the years, but what seems to be popular now is an hour of prayer for teens on Sunday evenings.

Carol Gerkin asked if the current mass schedule will remain in place. Msgr. Lyons said that it would, but asked the Council if there would be an objection to moving the Saturday mass from 4 pm to 4:30 pm. to accommodate weddings at 2 pm. No one had an objection to this change.

## **VII. Confirmation of Next Meeting**

There will be no meetings in July and August, and the next meeting for the new Council will be held on Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at 7 PM, in the large conference room.

**VIII.** Fr. Miller closed the meeting with the Doxology and a blessing.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Gerkin, Recording Secretary