

ST. JOSEPH PARISH
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2019
7:00 PM

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Present: Denise Ei, Carol Gerkin, Joe Kale, Lura Kearns, Kathy Loss, Joe Nassar, Rebecca Rambol, Melissa Schultze, Jim Slee, Jeff Topper

Absent: David Allen, Pat Bria, Joaquin Dela Torre

EX OFFICIO NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Present: Monsignor James Lyons, Fr. Matthew Morelli

Absent: Fr. Ignacio Palomino, Terry Golden

- I. Msgr. Lyons opened the meeting with a prayer. Joe Nassar chaired the meeting and distributed copies of the member listing, which will be updated.
- II. The Minutes of the June 5, 2019, meeting were approved. Jeff Topper made a motion to approve; Jim Slee seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Old Business

A. Changes to the Sanctuary

Although it was decided at the last meeting that we would purchase a new floor-mounted crucifix, there was a great deal of discussion revisiting the sanctuary area, as well as the design and placement of a large crucifix. Ultimately, it was decided that Msgr. Lyons would contact the original designer of the church (Hamme Assoc.) to help choose an appropriate style that would complement the existing church décor.

B. Discussion of Potential Fundraisers

Joe Nassar pointed out the many fundraisers held by other parishes in the *Catholic Witness* and that we could do the same. He presented three proposals to consider, each with statistics and potential revenue: a Carnival, a Bull and Oyster Roast, and a Slippery Pot Pie event. After much discussion of each, it was decided that the Bull and Oyster Roast was the most feasible. Jim Slee made a motion to accept the proposal, and Cathy Loss seconded. The motion was passed unanimously. Joe will check with Helen Smith to determine possible Saturday dates in the fall.

C. Discussion of Finance Committee response on financial reporting to parishioners

Someone from the Finance Committee will give us a report quarterly on what we can share with parishioners in the parish bulletin. Jeff Topper brought up the fact that people don't know about the parish deficit and would be more likely to contribute if they were given information on upcoming projects and the need to finance them; i.e., parking lot, better security cameras, and new windows on the Grandview Road side of the school.

V. Committee Reports

A. Ministry Oversight –

No Report

B. Finance Committee –

No Report this month

C. Youth Ministry –Fr Morelli

No Report.

D. Hispanic Community – Joaquin Dela Torre

Joaquin was absent, but his report was distributed and read aloud by Joe Nassar..

E. HACC—

No report

F. Parish School –Terry Golden

No report

VI. New Business/Roundtable

A. Msgr. reported that negotiations with Peace Ministries on the Baltimore Street property resulted in an offer for both buildings of \$250,000. We countered with \$300,000, and they came back with \$275,000, which we accepted. The property was appraised at \$425,000. Two members of the Parish Finance Committee and our realtor and parishioner, Tom Coyne, will appear before Bishop Gainer and the College of Consultors on July 23 to obtain approval for the sale. Msgr. is confident that the sale will be approved.

B. Regarding the parish cemetery, Msgr. Lyons reported that the Knights of Columbus will provide a second row of trees opposite the ones already there and offer parishioners a chance to memorialize a tree for a loved one.

C. Joe Kale mentioned that sometimes the gift bearers at Mass fail to perform this function, even though they may be present.

VII. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 4, 2019, at 7 PM in the Admin Center Conference Room. There will be no meeting in August.

VIII. Father Morelli closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Gerkin, Recording Secretary