

## **St Joseph Pastoral Council**

April 20, 2021

**Members present:** Mary McMahon, Scott Brady, Jack Knipp, Jamie McMahon, Scott Reiter, Paula Winkers, Fr Huber

Called to order by Mary McMahon at 6:32 p.m.

Opening prayer was led by Mary.

Minutes from previous meeting were unavailable due to technical issues. Approval postponed until the next meeting.

### **Finance and Administration:**

Fr Huber shared printouts of St Joseph budget and account activity sheets.

Parish elections are May 8/9. Though his term is ending, Scott Brady is willing to return if there is no replacement. If you know of anyone who is interested in serving, please send their name to Janet so that she can contact them to ask if they are willing to be put on the ballot. A few names were suggested; Mary will pass those along to Janet. Jack Knipp has stepped in to take the place left open after Brad Scobee's service ended.

Cinnamon roll sale was again successful. Profit was over \$3,000.

### **Board of Education:**

Per School Board meeting, things are in place for graduation to go on as planned/scheduled. Fr Dole will offer the baccalaureate mass; graduation will take place at the football field, weather permitting.

### **Community Life and Social Concerns:**

No report

### **Deanery :**

Discussed at last meeting:

- 1) Priests' compensation – bishop has assembled a group to review our priest pay compared to others in diocese; how to help young men who are interested in seminary, but have to pay college debt first
- 2) A couple diocese have lifted COVID restrictions and reinstated mass obligation. Will consider best way to move forward in parish. Perhaps ready to remove ropes, just wear masks, or leave ropes in one section of church for those hesitant to come in if fully opened.

**Parish Society:**

Suggestion was made to continue, past COVID, doing one cinnamon roll sale in place of one of the breakfasts. That way, there is still a social event each year for those who enjoy it – the breakfast – but the other fundraiser, roll sale, is a lot easier to man, plus profit seems comparable.

**Spiritual Growth & Liturgy:**

At next week's Liturgy meeting, they will discuss May Crowning, Corpus Christi, and having readers back at mass; Eucharistic ministers will not return just yet, nor will music.

**Building and Grounds:**

Jim Breuer submitted a report from the construction engineer who came in to check on the floor issue in Reuter Hall around the posts. (See report)

Jim Breuer and Kaileb Armbruster are checking on estimates for tree stump removal.

Randy Weber and Rick Kresser have offered to do the needed action on sidewalk maintenance.

**New and Unfinished Business**

\*Scott B suggested replacing the worn/damaged basketball hoops on the playground with adjustable ones. Mary will call and ask school if they want to get it done; SJ PC could pay.

\*Fr Reuter's house went back to the parish. Waiting on family to clean out. Then will make repairs/update; looking to have retired priest move in and help with mass schedule/substitute at masses. Fr Huber has a retired priest who is interested and may be ready to move in this July. IC maintains the property.

\*Fr Secora will be handling weekend masses and funerals in Fr Huber's absence (on sabbatical May 16-mid-July). Fr Dole will be temporary admin of schools in Fr Huber's absence; Deacon Kevin will be main contact for pastoral concerns. Fr Huber will continue to livestream daily mass and one weekend mass while he is away.

Jamie motioned, Scott B seconded, all approved adjourning at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula Winkers