

PARISH COUNCIL

March 22, 2017

Minutes of the Meeting * submitted by Kathi Trares

PRESENT: Glenn Turpin, Mary Ann Feddor, Marianne Berzinskas, Bill Custer, Cindy Clark Karen Schulz, Susan Zukas, Jim Schultis, Peg Haney, Patty Nichols, Kathi Trares

EXCUSED: Fr. Ed Stafford, Deacon Gerry Scopilliti, Sr. Joyce Schreiber

Meeting opened at 7:07 p.m. with by prayer led by Mary Ann Feddor.

ACTION ITEMS FOR IMPROVEMENT AREAS

Evangelization

- Members discussed ways to share information through a parish library, CD's, podcasts, apps, free offerings, etc.; Kathi will continue to promote any information through the bulletin, parish website, and Facebook pages; Peg offered to help set-up a library system for items in the All-Purpose Room [person(s) needed to help maintain).
- Blessing at Communion time for those not Catholic, fully initiated, or able to practice was discussed; Glenn to email Fr. Ed about wording to be used as announcement & bulletin blurb.
- "Fireside Chat" idea with Fr. Ed and/or Deacon Gerry was revisited; events could be held several times a year with Q & A type format.
- Reaching Out to Less Active – Past attempts to reach those registered parishioners who are seldom seen or heard from have included a letter from Fr. Ed & parish survey (entire parish received); Parish information flyer has been made available at Ox Roast Fair and other events.
- Community Welcome Wagon was mentioned as a way to let the public know all that St. Joe's has to offer (flyer could be included); Kathi was only aware of info. made available through realtors.

Finances (to discuss at future meeting)

Administration (to discuss at future meeting)

MINISTRY UPDATES

Caring for Our Common Home – Peg Haney spoke of a recycling presentation by the Portage County Outreach Recycling Program to be given on Sunday April 2, 10-11 a.m. in the church for PSR and any interested parishioners. Organized by Emmalisa Kennedy & Jane Kennedy, this event is part of an increased effort to care for the earth; we will also be trying to lessen our footprint during the Ox Roast Fair.

Rev. James-Peter Trares, O.P. – Kathi shared that James-Peter will be ordained in St. Louis on May 20th and his first Mass in his home parish will be Sunday, June 4th at 8:30 a.m. with a reception to follow.

Finance Council – Karen reported that nearly all the expected funds needed for the church roof have been raised; new quotes will need to be solicited (original quotes over a year old); there will be a 2nd collection March 25/26 to add to this fund. Pat Finn, our parish accountant, was present at the last Finance meeting helping to clarify bookkeeping.

Worship Committee – Mary Ann Feddor reported that she is spearheading renovations/improvements to the sacristy with the help of Char & Dan Baumbick; storage areas are being re-organized, walls & cabinets painted, and a new flooring installed (thanks to a gift from Mary Ann); hopes are to make it a "true sacristy" with only liturgical items being stored there.

Parish Council Member Terms – Members who's terms expired this May include Glenn Turpin, Marianne Berzinskas (Worship Comm. rep.), Mary Ann Feddor, and Jim Schultis; the rest of the membership (excluding staff) will have their terms expire in 2018. Current members have already stayed on an extra year to continue with the Pastoral Planning Process (typically terms are for three years). Members briefly discussed ways to fill these positions including bulletin blurbs and personal invitations. More discussion at next meeting and concerted effort after Easter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. with prayer led by Glenn.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Apr. 19 (Prayer – Bill Custer), May 17 (Prayer – Marianne Berzinskas)
No Summer Mtgs.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH, MANTUA, WORSHIP COMMITTEE NOTES FOR MARCH 2, 2017

Attendance: Sr. Joyce, Amy, Marianne, Mary Ann, Kathy, Cindy, Chuck, Diane

There is no RCIA, this year, one 10 Yr. old boy will be making his First Communion at Holy Thursday Mass.

The narthex every week during Lent will have a quote from that week's Gospel.

Tomorrow Friday, March 3, we will start Stations at 6 PM with Adoration to follow at 7PM. The Stations will be start at 7 PM on the remaining Fridays of Lent.

Father Stafford and Staff will prepare the Triduum booklets.

Communal penance services:

3 /20	Kent State Newman Center Kent	7 PM
3/22	St. Joan of Arc Streetsboro	7 PM
3/15	St. Joseph Mantua, Individual	6-8 PM

Cover Jesus 3/31

Holy Tuesday going to Youngstown for the Oils, who is going and what time, will need to discuss with Father

Holy Thursday Foot washing -liked it much better upon the Altar, everyone can see what is going on instead of back of church.

We talked with Cindy about ordering candles and cups for Easter Vigil. The Fan palms for the altar and the loose palms for Palm Sunday, She will be ordering those for us. We need to order flowers for the altar soon.

Chuck will call Barb about Garden Club, helping with the Easter environment.

IMPORTANT

MEETING THURSDAY MARCH 30, AT 6 PM
TO DISCUSS TRIDUUM
VERY IMPORTANT THAT ALL PRINCIPALS ATTEND

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Reviewed and Approved by:

Chuck Casalicchio via e mail 3/3/17

**St. Joseph Cares
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 7, 2017
7:00 PM**

Present: Patty Nichols, Jan Herman, Angie Daczko, Ron Scala, and Kathy Hogue.

I. OPENING PRAYER – Jan

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion by Jan to approve the meeting minutes of the February 2017 meeting, motion seconded by Kathy, all in favor, motion carries.

III. TREASURER’S REPORT

Reported an ending January balance of \$2,523.38. February Deposit of \$544.25, and February Cases \$652.87, resulting in a balance of \$2,414.76 at the end of February. Cases for February below.

Case	Check No.	Amount	Purpose
905	2809	\$200.00	Electric bill
906	2810	\$200.00	Rent
907	2841*	\$152.87	Electric bill
908		\$0	Case closed without payment
909	2842*	\$100.00	Gas card

DISCUSSION

The group had discussion on the following topics:

- SJC looking to share a booth with Peg Haney/PSR at the Ox Roast to promote SJC.
- Angie officially accepted in as Treasurer for SJC
- Homeless family we helped last month with hotel stay was adopted by Parkside Church. They have aided the family with place to live, counseling and job for the husband.
- Presented Kathy Hogue with Thank you card and flower arrangement for all her work and dedication to SJC as member and Treasurer.
- Look to locate and publish all the airports that provide a Catholic Mass for Sunday travelers. Patty attended Mass at the Charlotte, NC Airport .
- Ron updated group, “Start Talking Portage” meets last Tuesday of the month at 6 pm, Christ Lutheran Church Mantua

VI. CLOSING PRAYER– Angie

VII. ADJOURNMENT @ 8:30 PM

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 4, 2017.

Finance Council Meeting Minutes March 9, 2017

■ **Call to order**

- We opened the St. Joseph Finance Council meeting with a prayer by Father Ed at 7:05 P.M.

■ **Attendance**

- The following members were present: Fr. Stafford, Ken Emerick, Joe Benek, Dan Safko, Cindy Clark, Cathy Sherbondy, Ruth Fitzgerald, and Karen Schulz. Guest Pat Finn was also present.

■ **Review of minutes from the last meeting**

- The February, 2017 meeting minutes were accepted as presented.

■ **Review and Discussion of P&L**

- Profit and Loss reports received from Cindy Clark and Pat Finn were reviewed and accepted.
- Pat Finn attended the meeting and answered some questions along with agreeing to revise some of the line items/categories on the budget.

■ **Pastor's Report**

- We will be purchasing a *QUICKBOOKS* program update through Pat Finn at the approximate cost of \$200.
- Father reported that he will be updating the quotes for the roof since the ones we have are over a year old.

■ **Old Business**

- Ruth Fitzgerald reported that some Ox Roast Fair funds can be put into a savings account rather than the current checking account.
- We decided to put envelopes for renovation donations in the pews and in the Narthex all of the time. Kathi Trares has printed envelopes and we will place them in the pews after the Bishop's Appeal.
- We did review the possibility of selling some small pieces of property and put that action on hold for the time being.

■ **New Business**

- We reviewed donations for a new Crucifix and statue of the Blessed Mother. They have been purchased and will be installed within a few days.
- We feel that additional donations will be made for other updates to the interior. That will be the next phase of renovations, after the roof replacement.
- Cathy, Joe, and Ken will be finishing up their terms in May. Thanks to all of them. Also, thanks to Cathy for serving an additional year. Ruth Fitzgerald will be taking her spot. Ken has agreed to serve one additional year. Father is considering who will fill Joe's spot.

■ **Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned with prayer at 8:30 P.M.

The next meeting will be on **April 6, 2017 @ 7 PM.**