

PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting
January 17, 2018

PRESENT: Cindy Clark, Kathi Trares, Bill Custer, Fr. Ed Stafford, Mike Minor, Michelle Ward-Clayton (Bob Zamrzla), Deacon Gerry Scopilliti, Susan Zukas, Peg Haney, Karen Schulz, Patty Nichols

ABSENT: Elaine Finnerty, Joe Casalicchio

Meeting opened at 7:05 p.m. with prayer led by Michelle.

MINISTRY/ORGANIZATION REPORTS

Finance Council (Fr. Ed/Karen) – Plans are to hear presentation from Pat Palumbo, Director of the Office of Development & Stewardship, for the Diocese of Youngstown, at March's meeting; Pat will outline a plan to help increase weekly collections with goals to meet our parish's financial obligations. Cindy continues to look over finances helping to determine next project after church roof is completed (edge trim to be installed as soon as weather allows); Tom Caldwell, past Finance Council leader & local banker, researching short term investment possibilities.

Worship Committee (Michelle) – Lenten schedule planning began at last meeting (Ash Wed. 2/14, Easter 4/1); praying of Rosary continues every Saturday at 4:20 p.m.; tentative plans to bring back Lenten Soup Suppers hosted by members of Renewing Women introduced (scheduling possibilities & including Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Eucharistic Adoration discussed); members plan to carpool from church to attend 1/21 Mass for Life at St. Columba Cathedral; next meeting 2/1.

St. Joseph Cares (Patty) – Increased needs caused a severe drop in group's account but January donations helped to replenish account; group to host 1/28 Free Community Meal along with 8th grade PSR students.

Men of St. Joseph (Deacon) – Christ Renews His Parish Men's Renewal Weekend set for 2/17-18; Kathi reported that bulletin blurbs, website & Facebook posts to publicize soon.

STAFF REPORTS

Deacon Gerry – Parish involvement and excitement encouraging with hopes for more participation; questions posed from younger people inspiring. Parish Appreciation Dinner planned for 2/3 for entire parish (sign-up through bulletin or online form or Parish Office). Possibility of memorial courtyard between Parish Center & church was introduced; unborn children's monument to be a part of it).

Sr. Joyce – Kathi reported that RCIA has two potential candidates for Baptism this year.

Peg Haney – PSR cancellations are conveyed via e-mail and Facebook posts. First Reconciliation for eight 2nd graders to take place 1/23 with First Communion set for 5/6. Confirmation candidates will come together for retreat on 1/27 followed by service at Free Community Meal 1/28; group will be confirmed at St. Columba Cathedral on 3/10 & recognized at 11:15 Mass on 3/11. Rick Cermak's proposal of involving 7th & 8th grade PSR students in Lenten Shadow Stations of the Cross (see bulletin blurb below) may not work out due to preparations for Confirmation; suggestion was made to drum up volunteers from high school students; it was mentioned that this event could be a jumping off point for a future youth ministry program.

ENHANCING YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY

Volunteers are needed to bring an exciting new event to our family at St. Joseph's on March 21st and 23rd. We are looking for people who would be interested in presenting the "Life of Jesus" and possibly the "Stations of the Cross." This will be shown in 'shadows', on a stage and screen, which will be erected in front of the altar in church. The "Life of Jesus" will be shown on Wednesday, March 21, and the "Stations of the Cross" on Friday, March 23. This will require a great dedication and sacrifice for those of you willing to volunteer. Practice sessions will be on Sunday, either before or after the 11:15 a.m. Mass, in Hughes Hall. Not all will be acting . . . many are needed for other things such as moving props around, working lights, narrating, audio, etc. This is an excellent opportunity to give up our time and talents during the Lenten season in return for what Jesus, our Lord, has given up for us! Please contact Rick Cermak (330-527-2140) for further information.

Cindy Clark – Roofing company paid half of full amount due (remainder to be paid when job is complete).

Kathi Trares – Requested 2017 contribution statements to be prepared soon & made available beginning last weekend of January. Ox Roast Fair Core Group scheduled to meet 2/8 at Jake's.

Fr. Ed – Huge thank you to everyone for beautiful Advent & Christmas celebrations. Hopefully, diocesan stewardship program will help parish to become more financially stable and allow plans for future temporal concerns to be addressed.

OLD BUSINESS

Pastoral Planning Process

Worship & Prayer (Sue & Michelle) - Weekly Rosary during Advent saw increased participation giving way to continue offering on weekly basis in 2018; idea of including Divine Mercy with Lenten Soup Supper introduced with hope of also increasing participation.

Evangelization (Michelle & Bill) - Idea to contact those who were involved in 2013's PEP (Parish Evangelization Project) was introduced; hope is to get group together to increase understanding of Evangelization and bring back parish members who have been away; several Parish Council members felt we are actively seeing faith sharing through action in many areas including Ox Roast Fair, Men of St. Joseph, Renewing Women, PSR family involvement, parish dances, numerous groups using building & property, etc.

Finances – Being addressed by Finance Council.

Family Life - ?

Discipleship – Faith Formation / Catechesis - ?

Christian Service - ?

Administration - ?

Free Community Meal Reminder – Parish Council to host 4/29 event

NEW BUSINESS

Promoting Marriage – Deacon Gerry spoke of researching ways to promote marriage rite hopefully increasing Catholic marriages in our parish.

Meeting was closed at 7:45 p.m. with Prayer for Lent (shared by Bill) led by Fr. Ed.

NEXT MEETING: March 21st (Mike Minor – Prayer Leader)

St. Joseph Cares Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 5, 2017
7:00 PM

Present: Jeannine Maczko, Joe Daczko, Angie Daczko, Patty Nichols, Lynn Kellie, Jan Herman, and Jean Wojtecki.

I. OPENING PRAYER – Joe

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

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

III. TREASURER’S REPORT

Reported an ending October balance of \$1,346.08. November Deposit of \$1,383.61, and November Cases \$600.00, resulting in a balance of \$2,129.69, at the end of November. Cases for November below.

Case	Check No.	Amount	Purpose
960	2881	\$200.00	Ohio Edison
961	n/a	-0-	Referred to Catholic Charities
962	2882	\$200.00	Security Deposit
963	n/a	-0-	Not needed
964	2883	200.00	Ohio Edison
965	n/a	-0-	Did not help/repeat request

IV. DISCUSSION

The group had discussion on the following topics:

- Jan read Thank you cards received from people SJC has helped.
- Welcome Lynn Kellie! The group gave Lynn an overview of what SJC does.
- Jan spoke about Christmas gifts for the needy sponsored by Portage Job and Family Services along with Center of Hope and Catholic Charities. Sign up by 12-5 and gifts are given on the 6th and 7th at the Haven of Portage. Requires photo ID and recent mail to verify your address. Three gifts per child and groceries supplied for Christmas dinner.
- SJC hosted family in need from the Middle School for Christmas, gave \$200 gift card.
- SJC took 2 remaining tags from the giving tree, \$50 gift card each.
- Ron’s update , “Start Talking Portage” - In 2018 will network with “SON” Saving Outreach Network. The looking to include the local churches as it may be larger than one church can handle.
- Horizon House Donations collected
- Michele asked group if they wanted to lead the Rosary on 12-23, nobody available for that day.
- 4 C’s asked for donation, will send \$100 over. They are ok with volunteers at present. Times are M-W-F from 1-3pm.
- Live Nativity this weekend, accepting donations for church improvement and can goods for 4 C’s.
- Talked about supporting Pro-Life programs. Two Mentioned, New Life Maternity Home in Niles and Blessings in Kent. They are an outreach program for teenage moms to help keep them in school. We discuss further.
- All had a wonderful time at the Christmas get together graciously hosted by Joe and Angie, Thank you for a fun afternoon!

V. CLOSING PRAYER– Joe

VI. ADJOURNMENT @ 8:12 PM

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

Saint Joseph Church Mantua Worship Committee notes for December 7, 2017 meeting

Attendance: Father Ed, Chuck, Mary Ann, Kathy, Cindy, Marianne, Michelle, Bob, Amy, Diane, Jay and Rick

All souls day 2018 is on Friday so Eucharist adoration will be 1 hour later
also note pre light candles that are distributed to congregation

12/8 Immaculate Conception HOLY DAY of obligation Masses at 8 am and 7 pm

12-9 4:20 PM Rosary

12/9 & 10 Live nativity we have a calf and mini horse Rick will be bring up his sheep

Rick Cermak presented a talk on info about Shadow stations and life of Jesus that will be presented during lent

It had been mentioned some time ago about reading the mission statement before mass II it was done for short while and then stopped. The Cantor can do the greeting and then the mission statement before announcing the processional song

We received a small nativity donated by Bob Zullo

It was asked if we could move the statue of St. Joseph by Mary our nativity could go into the St Joseph space

12/17 Knights will be bringing over the boxes and trees for all the environment at 830am from the basement

note the three Kings will travel across church

January 7 2018 Three Kings (Epiphany) Environment will be taken down after mass

note order pizza

January 8 2018 The baptism of the our Lord

Next meeting January 4 2018 6:00 PM Thursday parish center

Respectfully Submitted

Approved with changes (IF ANY)

Diane Sanderson 12/8/17

Chuck Casalicchio via email 12/8/17

**St. Joseph Cares Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 2, 2018**

Present: Jeannine Maczko, Joe Daczko, Angie Daczko, Patty Nichols, Lynn Kelley, Jan Herman, Jean Wojtecki, Ron Scala, and Marti Loughney.

I. OPENING PRAYER – Joe

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion by Joe to approve the meeting minutes of the December 2017 meeting, motion seconded by Patty, all in favor, motion carries.

III. TREASURER’S REPORT

Reported an ending November balance of \$2,129.69. December Deposit of \$777.50, and December Cases \$2,836.54, resulting in a balance of \$70.65, at the end of December. Cases for December below.

Case	Check No.	Amount	Purpose
966	2884	\$246.00	Ohio Edison
967	2885	\$418.80	Gift Cards/Christmas
968	2886	\$100.00	4 C's
969	2887	\$200.00	Rent
970	2888	\$100.00	Kent Water
971	n/a	-0-	Refer to DOA/repeat
972	2889	\$200.00	Rent
973	2890	\$240.24	Comfort Inn
974	2891	\$200.00	Rent
975	2892	\$200.00	Rent
976	2893	\$180.00	Rent
977	2894	\$200.00	OH Edison
978	2895	\$201.65	Dominion
979	2811*	\$196.54	Storage
980	2812	\$153.31	OH Edison
981	-0-	-0-	Did not help with license fee

IV. DISCUSSION - The group had discussion on the following topics:

- Funds are low due to numerous cases in December, ask Fr to mention this in the weekly announcements.
- Meeting at 8:30 on Jan 28th to cook the community meal. Jan and Patty will check supplies in the pantry. Bring dishtowels, paper towels, gloves and aprons. Patty will pick up supplies at GFS on Wednesday before. Ron donating Italian bread.
- Clothes drive collection is every other month-closed for Feb, will still collect here at the parish.
- Pro-Life-goal for March. Lynn to do some research. What we can do to help in this area.
- Ron’s update , “Start Talking Portage” will be applying for non-profit status. Drug Free Club of America-Superintendents in Portage County will be attending meeting on January 23rd. NA meetings, one at Mantua Center Christian Church and one at Christ Episcopal Church in Kent.
- Interfaith outreach-Debbie from STP-will pick a month to help with blessing bag and collections.
- Bingo will be starting up in April.
- Meet at 6:30 next month to sign cards for those on the prayer intention list. Patty will let Marianne know we will need more cards.
- Welcome Marti Loughney!

V. CLOSING PRAYER– Joe

VI. ADJOURNMENT @ 8:45 PM

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6, 2018.

Finance Council Meeting Minutes January 11, 2018

■ Call to order

- We opened the St. Joseph Finance Council meeting at 7:05 P.M.

■ Attendance

- The following were present: Fr. Stafford, Dan Safko, Cindy Clark, Ken Emerick, and Karen Schulz.

■ Review of minutes from the last meeting

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

■ Review and Discussion of P&L

- Profit and Loss reports received from Cindy Clark were reviewed and accepted.
- There was some discussion about why the synopsis reports from Pat Finn did not align with our financial reports, Cindy will ask him for an explanation.

■ Pastor's Report

- Work continues on the Church wall.
- We discussed March meeting with Pat Palombo of the Diocese to review a Diocesan plan to increase weekly donations.

■ Old Business

- The roof has been almost completed and we will make a partial payment.
- Renovations are still coming in to the renovation fund.

■ New Business

- At Ken's suggestion we will look into making a short-term investment with some funds currently in savings.

■ Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned with prayer at 8:00 P.M.

The next meeting will be on **March 8, 2018 @ 7 PM.**

Saint Joseph Church Mantua Worship Committee notes for January 11, 2018 meeting

Attendance: Deacon Gerry, Chuck, Cindy, Marianne, Mary Ann, Kathy, Michelle, Bob, Sue Diane

The Environment was beautiful, many good comments from parishioners.

Lenten theme? (Mark 1:12-15) The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel.

Renewing Women would like to do the Soup Suppers during Lent many parishioners have commented they would like to have them again.

The suppers will coincide with and follow Divine Mercy; they would be each week during lent, start 2/20 thru 3/27

The Stations will remain on Friday

Ask Father what he wants to do on First Friday

Also would there be a problem about bringing in an outside choir (from Brecksville) on any Wednesday to sing the Evening Song? Fr. would open with a prayer.

Jan 21,2017 The Bishop will be having Mass for Right to Life at the Cathedral at 4pm, anyone that wants to attend we could carpool again like we did for the Parish mass and go to dinner at the same restaurant.

2/14/18 Ash Wednesday Mass 8Am 7PM
Lent set-up Feb 11 after 11:15 Mass

Palm Sunday	3/24-25
Triduum	3/29-30-31
Easter	4/1 Set-up Saturday 9 AM
Mother's Day	5/13
Pentecost	5/20 Easter Season ends. Remove environment after 11:15 Mass.

NOTE any one seeing medium blue material on sale, contact Michelle

Note: Please try to order Pizza on Fri or Sat so we can have it arrive by 1:00 pm-1:30 pm latest delivery when taking down the Christmas environment.

NEXT MEETING FEBURARY 1, 2018 6:00pm PARISH CENTER

Respectfully Submitted:
Diane Sanderson

Approved with any Corrections:
via email Chuck Casalicchio