

St. Joseph Parish Council Minutes from March 16, 2021

Father Matt opened the meeting with a prayer.

Roll call was answered by the following present: Father Matt, Pam Hess, Andrea Barnes, Randy Dodd, Brenda Bland, Justin Krekemeyer, Denise Dodd, Roth McElvain, Dwayne Goodwin OFS, Adam Jones, Veronica Thomas, and Kevin DeHaan.

Previous meeting minutes were approved with no corrections.

Reports

Worship and Spiritual Development Commission - Dwayne Goodwin, O.F.S, Denise Dodd, Susan Chambers and Pauline Jones

- Fr. Matt to schedule an introduction to centering prayer at St. Joseph.
- Saturday March 20th is the next scheduled Holy Hour.
- Easter book giveaway will happen at each of the Easter masses.

Food to meet the needs of vulnerable youth-

- The next distribution of Food for Thought bags to middle school students is April 1st.

Christian Education Commission – Randy Dodd (chairman), Andrea Barnes, and Kevin DeHaan

- First Reconciliation will be March 17th.
- CCD is going well.
- The youth did well hosting Stations of the Cross, this past week.
- First Communion is scheduled for April 11th, with a special mass time of 3 PM.
- Confirmation is April 13th at 6:30 PM in Hannibal in conjunction with Holy Family's confirmation.
- May 2nd is May Crowning. Students will enjoy donuts in their rooms, rather than a normal family gathering.
- VBS is scheduled for July 18-22.
- Steubenville is July 9-11th, and currently we have 8 students interested.

Social Concerns Commission – Pam Hess (chairwoman), Linda Hoehne, Veronica Thomas, Brenda Bland and Linda Reeves

- Blessing box plans-Dale Gervais will be building the box. Cathy Fohey will be reaching out to the Palmyra Area Ministerial Alliance to see if they would like to join us in this ministry.
- Since we are still unable to gather for social events, a card shower is being planned to celebrate Lindsey Kendrick joining our Parish.

Buildings and Grounds Commission – Adam Jones, Roth McElvain, Justin Krekemeyer,
Dale Gervais, Joe Jones, John Hess, Jim Lowe, Steve Bland, John Buckman and David
Hastings

- The church door replacement committee reports they are still waiting on a formal quote from Brian Connell from Freedom Doors. Personal circumstances are delaying this.

Old Business:

- Drive through Eucharist was a success! This will continue each Sunday at 9:30 AM, at least through Easter.
- Bulletin Mailings-22 families are currently getting the bulletin mailed to them, as they are not able to attend Mass.
- Inviting folks back to Mass- There was much discussion on how to get families coming back to Mass, after the restrictions are lifted. This might include reconciliation, an anointing mass with communal prayer, etc.

New Business:

- Stations of the Cross to be painted?-The Altar Society sought out a quote to have them painted, therefore matching the Virgin Mary and St. Joseph Statues, that were re-done when the church was painted. More to come on potential plans for this.
- Dwayne Goodwin OFS to become a Deacon- Dwayne is resigning from the Parish Council, as he is on a path to becoming a Deacon, and his classes will be on Tuesday nights. Best of luck, Dwayne!
- New decree from Bishop McKnight-You will notice the return of the holy water fountains. Books are back in the pews. Masks are still required for entering, exiting and coming up for communion. June 1st will be the return of social gatherings.

The next meeting will be April 20th at 6:30.

Father Matt closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Bland, Recording Secretary