

ST. JOSEPH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MARCH 7, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT

Fr. Derek Hooper, Deacon Ron Deimeke, Tina Schmeling, Tammy Blaue, Patty Fennewald, Pat Arens, Delana Becker, Caroline Nation, and Michelle Hombs

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Tina Schmeling called the meeting to order. Fr. Derek Hooper led the opening prayer. Special intensions were shared.

MINUTES FROM JANUARY 4, 2024 MEETING

Were approved by all members via email in January and sent to parish secretary. Copies handed out to each member and reviewed.

MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 22, 2024 MEETING WITH FINANCE COMMITTEE AND SCHOOL BOARD

Were approved. Copy will be sent to parish secretary. Copies handed out to each member and reviewed.

PARISH DISCUSSIONS

Parish Council Breakfast – Sunday, March 10, 2024

Set up after 4:00 Mass Saturday, March 9, 2024

Worker schedule – need a few more workers

Supplies will be picked up Saturday morning by Tina

Discussion about extending time of breakfast to accommodate Grace Lutheran Church and Martinsburg Community Church which hold services from 10:00 to 11:00. If they come after their services, we will still serve them. We might consider posting the time until 11:30 am for future breakfasts.

Feast of St. Joseph – Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Mass at 6:00 pm followed by dinner at the KC Hall. The Knights moved their meeting date to accommodate this. Parishioners are welcome to come to the dinner even if they aren't able to make it to Mass.

Homily will focus on St. Joseph

Menu – Deacon Ron - smoke two hams

Tammy - two cheesy potato casseroles

Delana – green beans and rolls

Patty, Tina, Caroline – cookies

Lemonade and tea

Will put information inviting parishioners in bulletin and on parish and school Facebook pages. Theresa will also send an email to parishioners about this

Ladies will set up for this after Ladies' Sodality social March 13, 2024

Church Cleaning – Saturday, April 20, 2024 8:00 am

Will have this mentioned in bulletin, on Facebook and at the March 13th social
Carpet cleaning bid \$2545.25 from Serve-pro. Patty will give the bid to the Finance Committee to decide if they want to approve it at their April 10th meeting.

Parish Council Elections – May or June

Pat Arens' term is up. He will try to find a male to replace him. We will all help to find an interested candidate. It will be decided at the May meeting if we need to have an election

Other Discussions – none at this time

COMMISSION REPORTS

Worship-Spiritual Development – Deacon Ron, Tina

Lilies for Easter are ordered, Palms are coming

Altar of Repose on Holy Thursday will be in the Chapel until midnight

Will have a sign-up sheet for this

Blessing of Seeds Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 8:30 am at Justin and Julie

Stuckenschneider's. The Bank of Missouri in Martinsburg is providing donuts and coffee

Deacon Ron and Sherri will cover the statues in church and ask for help if needed

We have the candles needed for Holy Saturday and all candle holders will be cleaned before Holy Saturday

Our two candidates are very excited and ready for Holy Saturday.

Christian Education – Patty, Caroline

St. Joseph School – Michelle Hombs, Principal

Busy time of year finishing up this school year and planning for next year

Submitted the security grant and should get a check later this month for \$9924.00

EANS – Emergency Assistance for Non-public Schools needs to be spent on student learning. We received \$10,000 for this and are using it for textbooks

Saturday, March 9 students will be filling rolls during Mass

Sunday, April 14, will be the last weekend Mass with student filling rolls this year

PK/K Parent Informational Meeting for 24-25 school year Thursday, March 21, 6:30 pm. We have 6 PK and maybe one K on our list for next year

4 students will be graduating this year

Teacher contracts went out today. Mrs. Rice turned in her resignation so we are looking for a 3/4 teacher for next year

Diocesan Professional Day for teachers tomorrow, March 8, 2024

Michelle Hombs and Nikki Poindexter went to different catholic school self-studies recently and found out that PK playgrounds need to be fenced in

Cabinets are needed to update the basement kitchen area. A nice countertop has been donated

Youth Programs

Fr. Derek will discuss music for Confirmation with Tom Becker

Confirmation Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 6:30 pm Mass followed by reception at the KC Hall. If Ladies Sodality is organized with circles by then, maybe one of the circles can organize this.

PSR Confirmation candidates and their sponsors are invited to the breakfast Sunday and will sit together in the back room

Social Concerns – Delana, Tammy

Ladies' Sodality

59 ladies have signed up for the social on Wednesday, March 13. Others are welcome to come and listen to the program even if they are not signed up to paint. The doors open at 6:00 pm and painting starts at 6:30 pm. All may bring a snack to share. Drinks will be provided

Knights of Columbus – Deacon Ron

The Knights are donating \$500.00 to Mary Allen to help her after she lost everything due to the fire at Teddy Joe's

They changed their meeting date so we can use the hall on St. Joseph Day

The auction went well. Appreciation night is March 12, 2024

Administraton/Finance Council – Pat

Finance Report

Report was given at joint meeting February 22, 2024

Buildings-Maintenance update

Dead trees were cut down and hauled away Sunday by Matt Cope and volunteers. Need to decide what to do with the stumps

PASTOR'S REPORT

Diocese is encouraging people to come to the Chrism Mass Tuesday, March 26 at 3:00 pm – wanting parishioners to come and experience it

Saturday, April 13, 2024 Diocesan Stewardship Conference. Registration on the diocesan website. Would like to have as many leadership people as possible attend

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be traveling through our diocese from July 1-5, 2024.

This is a group of people walking with the Eucharist. The diocesan website has more information

Mark McGuire from St. Brendan in Mexico invited us to collaborate with them as they host Totus Tuus July 21 – 26, 2024. Younger children would participate in the morning and the older children later in the day

16 Confirmation candidates from our parish went to the retreat in Booneville

Question – Will we be receiving the Precious Blood at Communion in the future? Fr. Derek said he is praying about that

CLOSING PRAYER led by Fr. Derek

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 7:00 pm at St. Joseph School

Caroline Nation

Secretary