

St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
June 12, 2023

Attendees: Father Joe Mamich, Terry Dillehay, Bob Mathas, Nathan Smee, Jim Lechko, Peggy Slavik, Greg Savel, Dave Hildebrand, Tony Manning, Elaine Pagan, Jolyn Redic, Ann Wadsworth, Deacon Michael, and Nancy Piatak.

Excused: Phil Helal

Called to Order: Bob Mathas called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm and led the group in prayer.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes from the April meeting were approved as submitted with the correction of maintenance and repair amount. Jim Lechko and Tony Manning made the motion.

Commission Reports:

- Community Life – Peggy Slavik reported that a river cruise is planned for the 20th of this month. The parish picnic July 30 was discussed as well as the clambake September 23 and Thanksgiving dinner November 11. Several concerns were presented: Do we have a time limit for the homily? How can we make the sound system more effective? Can we put something in the bulletin to defend our Catholic beliefs? (There are a lot of double standards out there: do we have the opportunity to respond?)
- Social Concerns – Tony Manning commented on the Mission of Hope and Ohio Guidestone's efforts to revitalize some furniture by staining it.
- Spiritual Life – Jim Lechko mentioned the meetings are scheduled through 2024. The healing team has services scheduled on Saturdays and Sundays of specific weekends. Enthusiasm in Eucharistic adoration is waning, but information may be available at the donut Sundays.
- Youth – Nathan commented that the students in the 3, 4 and 5 grades are becoming more involved.
- Liturgy – Dave Hildebrand commented that they are trying to get the bells ringers organized.

Open Forum: A discussion followed regarding the Eucharistic wafers and the respectful care of them.

Pastor's Remarks: Father Joe commented on the celebration of the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ and of Fr. Kevin's ministry among us. He will be working two or so days a week at the Diocese next week, concluding his ministry here on October 31. Soon all priests of the Diocese of Cleveland will receive a statistical profile of St. Joe's and will be eligible to apply to the Clergy Personnel Board to become the next pastor. The Pastoral staff, Parish Financial Council, and Parish Pastoral Council will be able to meet with some members of the Clergy Personnel Board to discuss their hopes for a new pastor. The entire parish will have the opportunity to participate in a survey. The front lawn is available to parishioners who wish to view the Fourth of July Homecoming Parade and Fireworks and July 30 Annual Picnic following the 10:30 mass. The finances as of May 31: \$11,300 better than budget, maintenance \$403 behind, year to date \$36,000 ahead of budget.

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for August 14. Bob Mathas led the group in prayer and adjourned the meeting at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Piatak