

**St Joseph Parish Council** meeting was Monday, October 23, 2017. Present were: Father Barnhill, Diane Baxa, Amber Ferguson for SFA, George Clark, Denise Behrends for Altar Society, Marv Comacho Cook, Don Ferneding for Knights of Columbus. *Absent & excused were Susan Cook & Kristi Warneke.*

Father Barnhill led the opening prayer with a reflection on the history of the Rosary.

- Committee reports

Altar Society: Denise Behrends reported on the LDCCW Diaper Drive, School & CCD teacher carnations for appreciation, Bingo at the Villa, and the upcoming Madonna Plan collection.

Activities committee: Date for Spring Spaghetti Dinner will be April 15 or 22, 2018. We need a committee chairperson.

School Family Association: Amber Ferguson reported on Runza Night Out & upcoming Subway fundraiser. Trunk or Treat event is October 26<sup>th</sup>. All Saints' Day class parties is October 31. Scholastic Book Fair is completed.

Knights of Columbus: Don Ferneding covered past events of Roadside Cleanup, Tootsie Roll Drive (ongoing with businesses) October & November events are 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary, Soupfest volunteers, Breakfast on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, and Coats for Kids to local schools, and Christmas card sales.

Evangelization Committee: Diane Baxa reported on the October meeting of the committee. Welcoming newcomers is a focus. Father Barnhill presented the idea of a "reader announcement" before Masses to allow people to greet one another. Unbound Conference is February will be hosted by the Committee & Light of the World groups.

Buildings & Grounds: Father Barnhill reported on the HVAC project going into November. Bell repairs are suggested by the Verdin Company after an inspection of the tower & bells. Discussion followed on the priority of this over other projects.

Finance report: Father Barnhill did not distribute any reports, but mentioned the work of the Finance Committee: Ron Lewandowski, Mike Witulski, Peg Baehr, Luke Barnard, Danielle Fairbanks.

- OLD BUSINESS

An Annual Parish Report to Parishioners will be in a newsletter format distributed in November. Father Barnhill is preparing this newsletter, to include financial information. Discussion on this topic at the meeting focused on knowledge of our financial situation.

A School Improvement Plan has been prepared by Mr. Andrew Haake, Principal, and his committee. Distribution of the plan will be in November. School parents will be the focal group, but all parish members are encouraged to view our Catholic School Improvement Plan.

- NEW BUSINESS

*The Present State of Stewardship in Our Parish* is a committee meeting on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> with Fr Joseph Walsh. Representatives of parish organizations and committees were chosen by Fr. Barnhill to attend this listening session & planning committee on Stewardship.

New Parish Council Members election is in December. Parish members will vote for 3 new members among a ballot of candidates.

Soupfest was the final item for discussion. Denise Behrends reported on volunteer sign ups, Raffle tickets, Soups, Silent Auction / Country Market. Goal is to sell 10,000 raffle tkts. A tool box & snow blower were donated by Sears. These items will be on the silent auction with minimum bids.

- NEXT MEETING: November 27, 2017

no meeting in December / (Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>)

Prepared by Father Barnhill