

## **St. Joseph Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes - April 22, 2024**

**Members Present:** Father Ryan Harpole, Deacon Larry Conrad, Marianne Dieball, Ed Feria, Sandi Feria, Suzanne Ogawa, Leonard Wather

**Members Absent:** Cindy Korba, Jef Scott

Father Ryan Harpole provided the opening prayer and the meeting began at 6 p.m.

### **Parish Finances**

The latest Finance Committee Report was shared with members prior to the meeting. It was noted that the parish has the funds to start the Renew Two project.

### **Renew Two Work**

Father Ryan reported that a meeting was held in April with Hafer and Scott, Murphy, Daniel (SMD) which were given the green light to move forward. Anticipate having plans by end of June from Hafer which will then be submitted to SMD. In the latest plans, some storage was reduced to allow more room for bathrooms. The parish will keep the Youth Room building for storage. Requested to break ground in June or July but Deacon Larry believes it would likely be September.

Pledge Update: Letter was sent out to all parishioners, thanking those who already pledged and providing an opportunity to pledge to those who haven't yet.

House on Nugent Update: Renovations are close to being complete. Originally estimated \$35,000 for renovations but current expense is around \$40,000. Identified need to replace the roof, fix the HVAC, install wood floors, and purchase new appliances. New concrete section poured for the Stone House as well as for the Nugent property. SMD will put in a new fence that will enclose both lots. Finance Committee will make decision on rent but anticipate it to be \$1,000 per month. House purchased for \$95,000; anticipate paying off in 12 years.

Marine Shrine – If there is overage in funds collected, that money will be used for renovation of the Marian Shrine that will include adding a sacristy, bathroom and bridal room.

### **Liturgy**

Father Ryan asked for feedback on Holy Week. Marianne suggested that ushers take up the candles once they are not needed anymore to prevent as much wax drippings as possible. Positive feedback was shared regarding the music, readers and the homily. The Hispanic Council asked if the Living Stations should be presented in English also next year, but the council felt that continuing with Spanish only would be fine. The council discussed the increasing number of parishioners and/or visitors who have to stand during Mass. Leonard shared that anywhere from 15-40 people stand during the 10 am Mass. This past weekend 21 people were standing and 60 were standing on Easter during the 10 am Mass. The council does not want to bring chairs in but encourage people to make room in the rows for others to sit.

July 3<sup>rd</sup> Eucharistic Procession – Father Ryan shared that the procession originally planned to include walking to Holy Spirit was not approved by city police. Therefore, the procession will begin at St. Joseph,

proceed to the Newman Center and return to St. Joseph. Participants will then meet up at Holy Spirit in the afternoon for a procession that will end with Mass with the Bishop.

Rosary Walk to the Square will be held on May 11 at 10 am in both English and Spanish.

First Communion and Confirmation are both being held over the course of two weekends each due to the significant number seeking the sacraments.

#### **Parish Life:**

St. Gianna Gala raised over \$35,000 with just their “fund a need” and an additional \$20,000 estimated from the silent auction. Collection for St. Gianna was held this past weekend.

Priest moves – no moves are occurring at St. Joseph.

Vacation Bible School – Paetra Deskins is organizing Vacation Bible School for the last week of June. Marianne suggested holding it during the evening in order to get more volunteers; however, it was mentioned that many parents are looking for a place to send their kids during the day.

RCIA – Tom Stewart, Gary Houchins, and Jill and Jim Sauerheber will continue to lead RCIA which will begin again in September.

#### **St. Joseph School Report:**

Sandi shared that the 8<sup>th</sup> grade will travel to Washington DC this week for the annual trip. At the last School Council meeting, the Grow St. Joe campaign was announced that will include an endowment fund, building fund and annual appeal. Endowment meeting will be held on May 6. An alumni golf fundraiser will be held October 21. Last day of school and 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation will be May 22.

#### **Knights of Columbus Update:**

Leonard reported that 90% of the new knights this year have come from St. Joseph. KofC would like to hold a fraternal benefits event at St. Joseph for parishioners wishing to learn more about the knights. It will need to be held at another time than the first Sunday Coffee & Donuts so as not to take away from the purpose of that activity.

Next Meeting – The next meeting will be June 3.

Father Ryan closed the meeting with the Glory Be.