

St. Joseph the Worker Parish Council MEETING MINUTES
Sept. 21, 2017 7:00pm Sr. Fabian Hall

Present: Father, Deacon, Jeremy, Jose, Melissa, John Brant Finance Committee Representative, Mary T., Mike S., Elvira C., Suzie B., Lydia M., Ed L., Kevin C., Michael A., Tim C., Jan M. **Absent:** Gerard Collet out of town. Jim Reese, previous appointment.

Opening Prayer - Father

Welcome, Introductions, Notebooks, Calendar, Nametags - Jan

Open Parishioner Comments: First 15 minutes of every meeting - No parishioners present

Committee Reports

LITURGY COMMITTEE – Jeremy C. reports the committee meets every two months. Coordinators are asked to double check dates with the Parish Calendar on the website before planning events.

>Liturgies, retreats, ministries are planned thru January.

>New Our Lady of Guadalupe framed tapestry for the Church to replace the smaller one there now. The smaller portrait will be hung in Sr. Fabian Hall. Jan Meigs will coordinate a plaque identifying the portrait in hall.

>New Missals in pews First Sunday of Advent Bilingual Missal. Spanish Hymnal in pews now. and English Hymnal first Sunday in advent

>Nov. 1 Holy Day of Obligation, All Saints Day.

Dec. 8 Holy Day of Obligation, Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Dec. 23rd , Saturday regular Masses 5:00pm and 7:00pm

Christmas Schedule:

Dec. 24th , Sunday regular Masses 9am and 11:30am **AND** Christmas Eve Midnight Mass 12:00am and 5:30 pm (children's Christmas pageant Mass_.

Dec. 25th Monday, Christmas Day Masses, 10am English and 12pm Spanish.

>Father has stated that beginning January 2018 the 11:30am Sunday Mass will move forward to 11:00am. CCD will alert families, teachers and students and class times will be adjusted as needed.

> Beginning Oct. 1, 2017 Saturday Confession times will be increased 3:30pm – 4:45pm. There has been a strong attendance and lengthening the time will benefit parishioners. Delayed until January 1st

>New Usher Coordinator needed. The Usher ministry is one of welcoming, including greeters at the door, baskets passed for the collections, collection monies recorded and deposited in safe, distribution of bulletins, as well as occasionally parking lot supervision. Thank you to Rodney Mulder for his service! Announcement in the bulletin asking for a volunteer to contact Father.

OFFICE NEWS:

>Bulletin announcements are due Tuesdays by noon. Translation is usually done on Wednesdays and the printing is done Thursdays & Fridays. Please think about announcements and send them in a week in advance!

>Reimbursement Requests- are done once a week. There is a form to complete and original receipt or documentation is required.

> If a check or funds are needed for an event, please plan ahead, often checks cannot be provided the same day as requested. Please provide the documentation for the request also so it can be attached as explanation.

>Remember no funds collected can be taken off the premises. All funds must be recorded and deposited in the safe the same day. One safe is in the church rear sacristy and one is in the supply closet in the Parish Hall. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

-Knights of Columbus are a 501 C 3 organization and occasionally collect funds for their group. In that case they may take the monies with them. If the fundraising was for the Church, monies must be deposited.

-Bingo is not a K of C event. Funds raised at Bingo, including the money from the sale of food, must be recorded and deposited that night.

-If using in the credit card machine, please keep it safe. All signed credit cards receipts should also be deposited.

-Parish money collectors gather all the funds on Mondays for counting and recording.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

>John Brandt, committee member, distributed handouts of 2 Fiscal years comparison 2015/2016 and 2016/2017. August 1 to July 30. The report did not include building funds monies collected. Income was virtually the same both years approx. \$65,400. Expenses increased approx. \$3000 in 2016/2017.

>Preliminary discussion about a stewardship campaign to retire the building fund debt. More discussion and information will be forthcoming.

>Yellow guest tithing envelopes will no longer be available in the gathering space. Parishioners should be using their envelopes and no envelope is required for visitors.

>Approx. 20 -30 Spanish families have registered since the Spanish Masses started.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

> Melissa C. reports classes are full and going well.

Seniors Group – Gerard C. absent. No report.

Facilities – Jose C. , no report.

Knights of Columbus – Michael A. reported that Oct. 15, 2017 they will host their annual Soccer Challenge. First the District competition, followed by the State completion.

>Discussion of renting out the parish field. At this time we will not rent out the fields due to insurance carrier requirements and expenses maintaining the field, goal posts, restrooms, etc.

WOWs- Lydia M. reported that the WOW bake sale in July raised \$600.00 and was well received by parishioners. Thank you to all the volunteers who baked and donated items. Another bake sale is planned for the fall. Please watch the bulletin for upcoming events.

Social Justice Ministry – Tim C. reported that the committee needs members to work on social issues. Monthly meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Tim shared two handouts – Oct. 6th Project Homeless Connect and the Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching, which can also be found at <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/seven-themes-of-catholic-social-teaching.cfm>.

Spanish Ministry – no report

Food Bank – Jim R. absent, no report.

New Business

>Parishioner Count at each Mass – Not needed at this time.

>Additional Parish Council groups proposed – Stewardship and Community. Tabled.

>PC Meeting calendar reviewed – meet monthly. Attendance expected. Groups asked to email updates in advance. Goal is to reduce meeting to less than 2 hours.

Upcoming Events

>Silent Auction Annual Fundraiser: Sat., Nov. 18th, raises \$10-15,000. All encouraged to attend!

>Raffle –December

Recorded by Jan Meigs. Please send corrections or agenda items to Jan at ejmeigs@yahoo.com.