## **BENEDICTINE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF**



# Saint Joseph Parish Advisory Council

Wednesday, November 9th 6:00 to 7:30 pm Church of Saint Joseph Heritage Hall

Meeting called by: Steve Meyer Type of meeting: Saint Joseph Meeting

Note taker: Amber Walling

## Agenda Items

	Action	Presenter(s)	Time	Notes
			(on clock)	
1. Welcome		Steve	6:00	Meeting began at 6:02 pm. Guest Brother David Paul Lange visiting as part of coursework at SOT/Seminary.
2. Prayer		Steve	6:05	Br. David Paul Lange, OSB
3. Agenda & Prior Minutes Review		Steve	6:08	No additions to the agenda.
4. Discussion Items:			6:10	
a. Ministry Fair	Information /Volunteers Needed	Steve	6:10	Weekend of November 26 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> (weekend after Thanksgiving) 'Sharing the Ministry' booklets will be placed at tables with interest forms. Cookies & donuts served after Masses. Can people volunteer to 'invite' participation and assist with serving? Welcome package will include the information. Recommendation was made to have a 'Welcoming Committee' who will set up a coffee date with new parishioners to create a personal connection between two families in the parish.

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b. Length of Terms	Information	Steve	6:15	RECAP: Steve spoke with David, Liturgy and Music Director, to determine feasibility of having a Children's Choir within our parish. David's job description currently indicates directing two parish choirs, which he is already doing – Adult & Contemporary Choirs. Discussed with the Joint Council. Encouraged to do additional research. Would be a joint venture, rotating between parishes, one Sunday a month.  Steve has reached out to Anita Fischer and Julia Reber. ACTION ITEM: Steve will follow-up with Anita Fischer and Julia Reber. Recommended Steve to reach out to Susan Schleper. He will report back in January 2023.
c. PC Advisory Council Terms	Discussion	Steve	6:20	RECAP: Many terms end on June 30, 2024 – need to review to determine plan of action.  Give thought to serving an additional term. Is there another individual who could join the council, as the bylaws allow.  ACTION ITEM: Place write-up in bulletin for recruitment – Amber put in bulletin November 12/13  ACTION ITEM: Give thought to additional term – current members.  Let Steve know by February 2023 if you will be committing to an additional term or extending your term by two years. (Looking for a tiered removal)
d. Meeting Frequency	Discussion	Steve	6:25	Is 4 meetings a year enough? Consensus was that 4 formal meetings is sufficient and additional meetings, outside the Joint Meetings, can be called, as needed.
e. Youth Involvement in Meetings	Update	Steve	6:30	Lance is hoping to meet with the Confirmation Youth to introduce himself and generate excitement regarding involvement in the parish and representation at the Parish Advisory Council Meetings.  ACTION ITEM: Lance will connect with Marian to determine if the 20 <sup>th</sup> will work for the Confirmation Schedule.
f. Eucharistic Revival	Update	Steve	6:35	https://stcdio.org/eucharistic-revival/ Daniella spoke last weekend and there will be additional speakers within the diocese as part of the 3-year process within the United States (Yr 1: Diocesan; Yr 2: Parish; Yr 3: National Conference). Daniella encouraged thoughts about what our parish community may want to do. Adoration Opportunities added – with music. Living out Eucharist with Service Project

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g. Monument to Unborn	Discussion	Bernie	6:40	A small-group met with Fr. Brad. Planning stages continue. Discussion continues to challenge group to provide an image/sculpture that engages the viewer. Recommendation to schedule a night where images are viewed—what are the possibilities.
h. Normalizing Our Liturgies	Update	Steve	6:45	Servers started up the weekend of October 29/30 Update on Cup
i. Christmas Mass Schedule	Information	Steve	7:00	Eve: 5:00 pm Saint John the Baptist Hosting at Abbey 9:00 pm Saint Joseph Day: 9:00 am Saint Joseph Discussion surrounded collection—would it work to have two passes of the basket?
j. December Social	Information	Dede	7:05	Wednesday, December 21st at 5:30 pm Pot luck appetizers & Desserts Beverages provided by Trustees Spouses/Guest Welcome ACTION ITEM: Dede and Heidi will work on invitations to be sent indicating what item you are encouraged to bring.

k. Joint Council Items	Discussion	Steve	7:10	Review items from 4.7.22 meeting.
				i. Connecting with Saint Joseph Catholic School
				Regularly/Youth Involvement in Liturgy
				<ol> <li>Opportunity for youth sign-up for</li> </ol>
				ministers
				a. Ushers, Greeters, Gift Bearers
				2. Musical Involvement
				3. School Kids Participate in Friday Social
				4. Have a Mass one Sunday a month with
				Youth Participation
				a. Readers, Procession, Servers,
				Hymns, Kid Friendly Homily
				b. Switch off between Saint Joseph
				and Saint John the Baptist
				ii. Providing opportunities for community use of
				parish spaces at our invitation.
				1. Presentations from Various Organizations
				via Invite
				2. Allowing Use of Space for Other
				Organizations
				a. Girl Scouts
				b. Boy Scouts
				3. All are invited to share in all ACC events
				4. Community Meal
				5. Craft Shows
				6. Winter Play
				iii. Plan and Host ACC/Parish Mission
				1. National-Level Speaker – Multi-Night
				Series
				2. Possibly Week-Long Event
				3. Eucharistic Revival
				4. Work to set Date ASAP
				iv. Feature Already-Occurring activities in bulletin
				or prepare an ACC Mission Annual Report
				1. Write-ups in bulletin for programs that
				already exist to inform those who may
				not have participated in past
				2. Powerpoint feed prior to the livestream
				3. Compiling Mailing for all ACC members
				a. Include attendance at programs

b. Number of Quilts Sewn
c. Number of Meals Served
d. Number of Pounds of Food
Donated, etc.
4. SMS Text Messaging to get the word out
for reminders/invites
5. QR Codes
6. Have a Ministry Fair
a. Late-August After Mass
v. On-going Family Night w/Activities for Kids &
Families
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a. Game Night
b. Movie Night
c. Trivia Night
d. Zoo Trip
e. Farm Visit
f. Apple Orchard
g. Avon Hills Folk School
2. Kids tour the church
a. Up-close look at areas of the
church or holy objects (i.e. Chalice,
tabernacle, etc.)
3. Family Mass
a. Families come around altar at
Eucharistic Prayer
4. Kids Vote on Next Week's Event
vi. Men's Group & Women's Bible/Book Study
1. "That Man Is You"
2. Most of these groups focus around
retired community
a. Have more time to participate in
3. Early Morning Bible Study Groups
vii. Multi-generational Programming
1. Senior Citizen Dinner
a. Held on day off school, so kids can
serve
2. Senior Care Packages
a. Deliver these items as families
3. Kids write cards to seniors in parish
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a. Valentines

b. Birthday Cards
4. Board Games
5. Grandparents' Mass
a. Invite grandkids to Mass with
them.
viii. What Does Family Friendly Look Like? Creating
Family Friendly Environment
1. See Family Night Ideas
2. Kids Packets
a. Children's Bulletin
b. Kids Offering
i. "kind works you did this
week"
c. Crayons
d. Stickers
3. Stools in bathroom for washing hands
4. Diapers/Wipes in Bathrooms
5. Knights Stools
6. Quiet Space/Step Away Space
7. Scavenger Hunt Within Parish
a. Hide figurines in plants or around
parish
8. Pew Cards of What Mass is About
9. Everything We Do Should be Family
Friendly
ix. Establishing Youth Ministry Program
1. TEC Weekend
2. Space for teens
3. What does Youth Ministry look like in
2022?
4. Immersing it into the community
a. Youth taking ownership of
programming
5. Conversatio Program
a. Saint John's SOT
x. Personal Invitation/Parish
1. Send out letters to people we haven't
seen in a while and include bulletin.
2. Ticket to KC Breakfast
3. Welcome Kit for New Parishioners
4. Call for Personal Invitation
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l. Increased Sunday	Information	Amber	7:25	6-Week campaign will begin on the weekend of November 12/13.
Offering Campaign				Fr. Brad will include in homily week of Nov. 12/13
				<ul> <li>Parish Witness Speaker the week of Nov. 19/20</li> </ul>
				"HONORING OUR PAST, SERVING IN THE PRESENT, GROWING
				FOR OUR FUTURE"
				Materials will be mailed tomorrow – for receipt next week.
5. Prayer			7:30	
6. Adjournment				

## Other Information:

#### Future Topics:

#### Attendance:

A/P/V	Name	A/P/V	Name
	Staff/Trustees		Pastoral Council
Р	Baron, Rick (SJ Trustee)	Р	Meyer, Steve
Р	Budde, Dede (SJ Trustee)	Р	Zsupan-Jerome, Daniella
Α	Jenniges, Brad, Pastor	Р	Hickman, Daniel
Р	Walling, Amber (SJ Business Administrator)	Р	Nydeen, Lance
Р	Guest: Br. David Paul Lange	Р	Imholte, Bernie
		Р	Fink, Jacob

#### Goals:

	Pastoral Council						
Tentative Completion Date	Actual Completion Date	(Owner) Goal					
		POSSIBLE GOAL: Evangelization Planning/Plans  PRIMARY TOPICS/CONCERNS FOR PARISH: Communication, Bringing Parishioners Back 'after' COVID,  Encouraging Participation for Financial Stability,					