

St. Joseph Parish Council Minutes March 16, 2014

In the absence of both Msgr. Mike and Deacon Pat, Chairman John Quallen opened the meeting with prayer at 10:16 a.m.

Roll call was taken with 18 members and 5 guests present.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved.

Reports from activity chairs:

1. In John Arasimowicz absence it was reported that the 8,9,10 & 11 grade C.C.D. students were delivering flowers to our parish shut-in and nursing home parishioners. The 6th grade class served in a recent Sunday Liturgy as ushers, greeters, and lectors. The lectors did an excellent job with the readings. The confirmation class will participate in the Oils Liturgy on April 15th during Holy Week.

2. Josie Daviau reported for the St. Anne Society that the society will host the parish Palm Sunday Bake Sale on April 12th. They also hosted the reception after the International Stations of the Cross on March 7th, and will host the First Communion reception. An officer's meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 19th to determine the meeting dates and programs for the 2014 season.

3. The website committee reported that they are meeting monthly.

4. The Youth and Family Committee reported that a family game night is being planned for May 17th in the Parish Center.

5. Jack Laviolette reported on the success of the recent Fish Fry supper, and thanked all the volunteers who participated in its success. A Ham and Bean supper will take place mid-Lent on March 29th. A Spring clean-up is being planned and council members and/or parishioners should report to him with any areas of the church property that needs attention. A Father's Day Lumberjack Breakfast on June 15th is in the planning stage.

6. In Msgr. Mike's absence there was no Pastor's report given.

New Business:

1. Nominations for Parish Council need to be taken. Elaine LaPierre graciously accepted chairing this committee. After the meeting adjourned Matt Collins volunteered to join the committee. Outgoing members are: Tony Venturini, Ann Dunham, Nancy Prezenik, Gerry Dahrouge and Tom Arasimowicz. Members who have completed their first term and are entering their second term are: Jason Street, Mike Wheeler, Kathleen Maloney, and Bernie Scapin. These members have all agreed to serve a second term.

2. The Food Truck issue has been tabled by the City Council and there will be no food truck activity on North Street from Park Square to Maplewood Ave.

3. There was a good deal of discussion regarding the parking lot situation with parking tickets recently issued during funerals and Ash Wednesday services. The Council members were reminded that during the week St. Joseph High School students and faculty pay for assigned parking spots. The parking lot belongs to the Church. There can be no parking in the fire zone (north side of the driveway to North Street.) Fines are \$200 for parking in this area and \$400 for parking in a Handicapped spot without appropriate license. A sub-committee, headed up by Joe Bourquard and Andy Canata will look into the problem and resulting information should be reported to the council.

Next meeting:

Because our next meeting date conflicts with Easter Sunday, it was decided, voted and approved that the April meeting be canceled and the next meeting will be on Sunday, May 18, 2014

The meeting was adjourned following a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Geraldine A. Dabrouge, Secretary