

**Saint Joseph the Workman Cathedral  
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting  
April 11, 2023  
Minutes**

The meeting was opened at 5:30 p.m. by Msgr. Gilles with a prayer.

Members Present: Kevin Decker, Olivia Knapik, Mike Knapik, Nick Harding, Lauren Harding, Mari Erickson, Betty Tauscher, Deacon Tom Skemp, Nancy Rose and Lynne Ostervich.

Excused: Tammy Becker, Sandy Perpich, Carol Ballas and Pat Weinberger

Absent: Joseph Nduka and Chuck Whalen

The minutes from the February 21, 2023 meeting are approved.

**Old Business:**

Msgr. Gilles announced that Luke Zoroufy has stepped down as the Chairperson. He has taken a new job in Milwaukee. He and his whole family were back at Cathedral for the Holy Triduum.

**Jean McDonnell is stepping down as overseer of the gathering area's display case**

As of June 1, Jean will no longer be responsible for the large display case in the Gathering Area. Kevin has a list of five possible replacements for Jean and will contact them.

**St. Joseph Awardee Discussion**

Msgr. Gilles will contact Deb Klug, previous PC secretary about a list of prior Awardees. Discussion was held in regards to the history of the St. Joseph Award. Msgr. Gilles has reached a decision on this year's St. Joseph Awardee. The award will be presented at Mass on the weekend of April 29/30.

**Beginning an Altar Server Training Program and "Come and See" Days for Younger Children**

Jimmy Steuck and John Felsheim will do a formal training of servers on Saturday, April 15. This will apply to both older and younger servers to maintain consistency.

**Inaugural Covenant Hearts Event**

Next year's date is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 10, 6:00 p.m. This is prior to Ash Wednesday.

**Survey Consideration: "What are your expectations of/for your Parish?"**

It was decided to back away from taking a survey at this time. Perhaps a series of meetings with parishioners discussing specific topics could be more helpful than a survey.

**Rehabilitation of Public Relations Committee**

Christi Reynard is working on the Public Relations Committee and the third section of the small display cases.

## **Structure and Relationship of Committees in Relationship to the General Life of the Parish**

A flow chart to diagram the interaction of the parish committees would be helpful. The Pastoral Council could meet in the even months and committees meet in the odd months. Committee reports then can be forwarded to the Pastoral Council. Better communication is key.

### **New Business:**

#### **Should the PC Take a Summer Meeting Off?**

It was decided that the Pastoral Council needs to meet in June and August because we need to keep parish pastoral life momentum moving forward in addition to begin organizing the fall elections of new members.

#### **Inspired by the Spirit Campaign**

Two receptions are being planned. Tuesday evening, April 18 and also Sunday, April 23 between the 7:30 and 10:30 a.m. Masses. A donor has offered to match dollar for dollar up to \$250,000 raised.

#### **Annual Parish Celebrations: St. Joseph the Workman and Beacon of Light and Hope**

This year on April 30 after the 10:30 Mass a potluck will be held in the undercroft to celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph the Workman. There will be sign up sheets available after Masses the next two weekends. This fall a Beacon of Light and Hope Celebration will be held. Nick has volunteered to man the grill. Kevin will keep us updated.

When the garage and storage area with a modest event space is completed we will be able to sponsor more gatherings in a sustainable fashion and with less stress. Kevin announced that he procured the donation of a very large screen TV that can easily be used in our future event/garage facility.

#### **Request to Change Mass time from 10:30 a.m. Mass to 10:00 a.m.**

On consultation with the Pastoral Council it was unanimously decided to adjust the 10:30 a.m. Mass time on Sunday to 10:00 a.m. Msgr. explained that demographics are shifting substantially with people preferring an earlier Mass time. This will begin on June 18.

### **Reports:**

#### **Family Life Committee Report submitted by Mari Erickson**

1. Prayer Shawl Ministry – Ginny Nelson is starting up a prayer shawl ministry and sent out a message in an email blast calling for those who knit or crochet to share their talents and join her in this ministry. Prayer shawls can be given to those who are ill, going into/recovering from a surgery, experiencing a difficult life event, etc. Two prayer shawls have already been given to people. A bulletin announcement is scheduled for after Easter and an article will follow in *The Worker*.

2. Meal Train – Our third train is going out this week. So far it has been to families with new babies, but meals can be taken to those recovering from an illness or surgery or some other life event. A bulletin announcement is going out about this after Easter and the hope is to get more people involved in helping.
3. Bereavement Ministry – There wasn't a big response to the gathering in November for those who had lost a loved one. Julie Fuchsteiner is interested in connecting with people to check in with them a month or two after the funeral of their loved one.
4. FOCCUS Facilitators – Two additional married couples are in training to be FOCCUS facilitators. Facilitators meet with engaged couples to review the inventories they take as they prepare for the sacrament of marriage.

### **Cathedral Education Committee Report submitted by Sandy Perpich**

The Cathedral Education Committee hosted Lenten Soup Suppers again, achieving mixed success. We generated far less money than in previous years, including our worst tally ever, \$16.00 for our last gathering. Most participants, however, appeared to enjoy themselves, engaging in pleasant conversation. The euchre players appreciated having a place to play cards, too.

The committee has not yet decided whether we will continue making the effort to serve the parish community in this way. Although I had planned to engage our guests in on-going conversation based on John Shea's book "From Christendom to Apostolic Mission," no one else exhibited the slightest interest in this topic. As the weeks passed, participants began to help committee members with cleaning up, forging the beginning bonds of friendship - not a bad result.

### **PCCW Report given by Betty Hayden -Tauscher**

We will be sponsoring an early May Mothers Day Raffle/Silent Auction/Bake Sale on the weekend of April 29/30 and May 6/7 after all Masses. The silent auction item is a Garden Statue of Our Blessed Mother which was donated to the PCCW from the Knights of Columbus. We will also sell chances on four Basket Raffles and will have baked goods for sale. Winners will be drawn after 10:30 Mass on Sunday, May 7.

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.**

The meeting was closed at 6:30 p.m. by Kevin Decker with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynne Ostervich