

**Saint Joseph the Workman Cathedral
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
June 11, 2024
Minutes**

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

Members Present: Kevin Decker, Nick Harding, Mari Erickson, Nancy Rose, Cheri Rifenberg, Jedidiah Taubel, Tammy Becker, Olivia Knapik, Mike Knapik, Deacon Chris Kabat, Msgr. Gilles, and Lynne Ostervich.

Deacon Tom Skemp, Chuck Whalen, Lauren Harding, and Paul Jacobs were excused. Betty Tauscher and Joseph Nduka were absent.

Chairman Kevin Decker proceeded with the agenda.

The minutes from the May 7, 2024 meeting were not available.

New Business:

Establishing a Graphics Arts Committee for Design Work

Msgr. Gilles has reached out to several parishioners about serving on this committee. The idea behind this group is to establish some spirit wear, create some banners for the parking lot, and come up with some ideas to promote our parish. They can also work on our current logo.

Establishing a Vocations Committee/Supporting Michael Leis

Samuel Obert is involved in setting up prayer and support for Michael, our seminarian from the Cathedral. This will also be for other vocations as well.

Creating a Directory of Cathedral Business Owners

It was brought up that at Cathedral, new members may not know which parishioners are business owners. Creating a directory through the parish office could help people in need of a service to connect with someone that belongs to the same parish. This can help establish relationships among parishioners who would otherwise not have the opportunity to know each other and it is a way to support our parish business owners. Jackie Craig and Lynne Ostervich will work on this.

New Funeral Table

Msgr. announced that we have a new beautiful table to be used for funerals that have a cremation. The table has the logo of The Cathedral on the front and a mahogany finish. The urn, a crucifix, and Book of Gospels can easily be placed on the table rather than using the communion stations.

Saint Joseph the Workman Award

We missed handing out this award in the month of May. Msgr. Gilles is open to presenting the award soon. Plans will be made to possibly tie this in with the Beacon of Light celebration.

Beacon of Light Celebration Picnic

The annual picnic will be held Sept. 8 at Myrick Park this year. There will be much more room. We will be able to use the shelter. Once again we will have a pig roast. Raffle baskets, music, games, and great food. People will be encouraged to bring side dishes or the option of making a monetary donation.

New Parishioner Potluck

The new parishioner potluck will be held on July 21, 3:00 p.m. at the home of John Leslie. All are asked to bring a dish to pass, lawn chairs, and beverages. All new parishioners who have joined Cathedral since August 2020 are invited. This will be an event every other year.

Young Adult Gathering

The Young Adult Gathering was a smash success. Msgr. Gilles wants to have another Young Adult Gathering and invite Bishop Battersby. The Rectory Annex is the perfect space for this and Bishop Battersby was very impressed by the addition.

Pancake Breakfast

The Family Life Committee is sponsoring a pancake breakfast on August 18 in the Rectory Annex. The proceeds from this breakfast will go to help funding for families with children to pay for the Camp Gray weekend outing in September.

Smoker or grill for the Rectory Annex

Discussion was held on what kind of cooker to have for the rectory annex. A gas flat top grill was decided on since more people know how to use the flat top grill rather than a smoker.

Mission and Vision Statement

We need to distinguish the difference between a mission and a vision statement. The vision is where you are going, it needs to be obtainable. The mission is how we obtain the vision. Cathedral is different from other parishes since it is the Bishop's Seat of authority. It is unique a unique identity. God is magnified at Cathedral through our liturgy and architecture. The name Joseph means "God will increase". Joseph did what he could do with his small sacrifice which paved the way for Jesus' greater sacrifice. Msgr. Gilles will contact Father Conrad Targowski who has the name of a facilitator to help us on this endeavor. Discussion will be tabled until then.

The Parish Council next meeting date is to be scheduled.

The meeting was closed at 7:00 p.m. with Kevin Decker leading a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne Ostervich