

St. Joseph the Worker Parish Advisory Council Minutes

Date: October 5, 2016

Submitted by: Julie Monzi

In attendance: Father Peter DiTomasso, Tina Busbey, Tom Clabaugh, Mike Farrell, Julie Monzi, Vivian Small, Holly Smith, Kay Smith, Bill Weaver. Guest: Jeff Small.

Opening prayer was led by Father Peter DiTomasso at 7:32 p.m. in the parish rectory.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from 9/7/16 were received and approved. 1st motion by Vivian Small. 2nd by Kay Smith.

OLD BUSINESS:

Status of Church Renovation:

- Church re-grouting is complete.
- Arch at the back of the church on the outside is now covered with aluminum siding.
- Windows on the priest side of the Sacristy to be replaced Wed. 9/13/16. Altar server side will be replaced in the future – date not available.
- Boiler will be replaced at the end of October. According to Shipley, the boiler rusted in one year. With the warranty, the cost will be \$8,600 – a savings of \$10,000.
- A chimney sweep removed 6 bags of soot from the chimney at a cost of \$0. His requested payment will be a Mass offered for him. The chimney will now be inspected yearly.
- The Knights of Columbus are to paint the windows in the church on Sat. 9/8/16.

NEW BUSINESS:

Christmas Bazaar:

- 40+ vendor tables are confirmed. More inquiries continue. Sat. 9/8/16 is the final date to accept vendors.
- Paul Krieger is making a table, and Wayne Chrismer is making a cabinet – both to be raffled. Tickets sales will begin at November pot pie. A roll of tickets will need to be purchased. Volunteers will be needed to sell the tickets from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Cindy Hartlaub to be consulted on the ticket sales price. Kay Smith and Julie Monzi to coordinate the sale.
- Baskets will be needed to raffle. Kay Smith will handle the 50/50 raffle.
- Door prizes to be discussed at the November meeting. If we have door prizes, changes will need to be made, such as winners must be present to avoid the Rectory having to store the prizes until they are picked up.
- Father stated that Council members need to be present at the Bazaar.
- Knights of Columbus to serve breakfast.

- Youth Group will coordinate lunch. They plan to serve hamburgers, hot dogs, and Philly cheesesteaks. Roger and Judy Williams to be advised to contact PCCW about the possibility of making Chicken Corn Soup. (Youth Group will keep funds raised; PCCW will donate funds to the Bazaar fund.)

Catholic Schools in the Adams Deanery:

- Father Peter DiTomaso read a letter from the Diocese regarding the future of Catholic education.
- A meeting will be held on Wed. 10/19/16 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Delone Catholic High School to discuss the findings of the Diocesan committees on Catholic education in the Harrisburg Diocese.
- All Parish Council members and Finance committee members from all parishes are asked to attend. Father Peter is requiring only the President and Vice-President to attend. All others are voluntary.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Formed.org – “Netflix for Catholics”

- Father Peter DiTomaso presented a catalog from Formed.org, an organization of Catholic publishers, which offers books, tapes, and movies to parishes as part of a subscription.
- There are a variety of materials including lessons, Bible studies, and e-books – the products are available in hard copy and online.
- Parishioners can access the online information with a code provided by our Parish office.
- Groups in the parish, such as the Youth Group, Knights of Columbus, PCCW, and individual groups, will be able to use the materials.
- All of the materials from the site, if bought individually would cost \$18,000. Formed.org has a program as follows: one program a month at a cost of \$119 per month; ALL programs available for \$159 per month; ALL programs available for a yearly subscription of \$1,680.
- There was a discussion as to the need for adult religious education and the availability of such materials in the comfort of parishioners’ own homes. The discussion also focused as to whether the materials would be used. Council members, Tina Busbey and Julie Monzi, expressed an interest in using the materials personally and in groups.
- Bill Weaver made a motion, seconded by Kay Smith, to purchase 3 months of the program, the cost to be paid by an anonymous donor to the Parish, to see how the program can be and will be utilized. Father Peter DiTomaso to contact the company.

Father Peter DiTomaso’s trip

- Father will attend a meeting of his order, The Missionaries of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, in India in November.
- He will be absent from November 4 – 15, 2016.
- Three priests will be available to celebrate Mass in his absence.

Vice-President

- Prior to the meeting, Father Peter DiTomaso appointed Kay Smith as Vice-President of the Parish Advisory Council.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tom Clabaugh and seconded by Holly Smith.

Closing prayer was led by Father Peter DiTomaso at 8:22 p.m.

Next Parish Advisory Council Meeting is Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.