

Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 29, 2014
7:00p.m. Fellowship Hall, St. Joseph Church

Present: Father Michael Wild, Doyle Pokorny, Tom Smith, Arlene Wetzell, Michael DeBaere, Justin Seidler, Lori VanBuren, Karen Madigan, Patrick Schomisch, Loretta Lechner, Linda Zeininger

Absent: Janine Ramsey, Pat Koll

Parishioner: Clem Hoelzel

Opening Prayer: Father Wild

Review of Minutes: No changes or corrections

Committee Reports:

Christian Formation: None

Prayer and Worship: None

Human Concerns: None

Old Business:

Father told everyone that Loretta Lechner is the new parish nurse. She will work 2 hours a week for the parish. Agnesian will pay for this. Sister Gemma will go down to 3/5 time; Alice Kowalski will be the parish secretary working 10 hours; Linda Johnson will work one day per week taking over Kyle Clark's position; Michael Johnson will be retiring from his position and needs to be replaced both doing maintenance and at the cemetery.

As of August 15, 2014 St. Brendan and St. Mary churches will close and merge with St. Joseph parish. There will be a final mass on August 6, 2014 at 6:00p.m. At St. Brendan church. St. Brendan property needs to be surveyed and appraised. A sale of the property can take place after this has been done. Both Karen and Tom voiced concerns over the cemetery moneys being added to St. Joseph's. They have always submitted a report on the cemetery. St. Joseph's does not.

New Business:

Since there will no longer be three parishes a new pastoral council needs to be put in place. Father was hoping that by January this could be possible. Every effort should be made to include parishioners from the former St. Brendan and St. Mary churches on the new St. Joseph council. Council members present hoped to have 9 members and 2 trustees. Each year 3 new members would come on to the council and serve for a 3 year term. The trustees appointed by Father serve 2 year terms. One new person each year. Doyle, Laurie and Linda will meet to restructure the present constitution for St. Joseph's. They will possibly do the same for the bylaws too. Justin and Patrick will work on getting church members to serve as council members. A discernment meeting will hopefully take place in January for this to happen. Any interested parishioner may volunteer themselves. Father hopes that people will try hard to make this difficult time go as smoothly as possible.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 23, 2014

Closing Prayer: Our Father

Submitted by Linda Zeininger