

**St. Joseph Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2024**

Voting Members:

Present: Jack Cassidy, Annette Dubas, Denise Ei, Tom Ernst, Erin Gindlesberger, Betty Himes, Connie McNeil, Paul Natishan, Lauren Rose, Maureen Thiec

Absent: Aldo Aviles, Cindy Bischoff,

Ex Officio Members:

Present: Msgr. Lyons, Fr. Miller

Absent: Fr. Rothan, Deacon Carlos

I. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER

- A. **Annette Dubas chaired the meeting.**
- B. **Msgr. Lyons opened the meeting with a prayer**

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion to approve the minutes from the February 7, 2024 meeting was made by Maureen Theic and seconded by Paul Nathishan. The motion passed with no amendments.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Update from the Nominating Committee for the election of new members:

There were 15 nominations, but only 3 forms were returned. Carolyn Blaszyk was asked to consider becoming a candidate and agreed to do so. This resulted in a total of 4 candidates. In accordance with Parish Council By-Laws, a motion was made by Jack Cassidy to accept these candidates as new members of the Parish Council, effective July 1, 2024. This motion was seconded by Denise Ei. A voice vote was taken and there were all ayes and no nays, resulting in the motion being passed.

- B. The ushers would like consideration to be given to construct a canopy over the sidewalk leading to the church's main entrance.

Monsignor Lyons discussed potential problems with this project due to the canopy being attached to the roof and the strong winds that come through that side of the building. This could result in damage to the roof of the building and potential damage to other properties in or around Church property.

- C. The Fun(d) Committee has \$18,000 to donate to church improvements. Projects under consideration:
- Digital outdoor sign
 - New votive candle stand
 - Canopy over the sidewalk leading to the church's main entrance
 - New carpet in the rectory
 - Dawn-to-dusk lighting on the Grandview side of the church

Concerns expressed for each project not already covered:

Digital outdoor sign – possible interference with homes across from the Church

New votive candle stand – discussed possibilities of painting the existing stand and having a larger donation box made and installed

New carpet in Rectory – some funds have already been designated for finishing this project

Dawn to Dusk lighting – after discussion, not thought to be an issue

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Church building needs new roof and new HVAC system in the near future.

The Diocese does not like retiring Pastors to undertake any major projects so some of the projects that have been discussed will, most likely, have to wait.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Hispanic Community – No report.

B. Parish School – All is going very well. 282 students registered for next year And waiting lists are being compiled. Ideas about creating more classroom space in the future were discussed.

VI. ROUNDTABLE

Paul Natishan asked if the Parish Giving website could be altered to include DAC Contributions.

Monsignor Lyons will notify the newly elected Parish Council candidates via a telephone call and a letter.

VII. CLOSING PRAYER

Fr. Miller closed the meeting with a prayer and blessing.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

VIII. NEXT MEETING

April 3, 2024 at 7:00pm in the Fr. Joseph F. Gotwalt Administrative Center conference room.

IX. TASKS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS

None discussed