

St. Joseph Church
Parish and Finance Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 18, 2019

	2018	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Fr. Mike Spiekermeier			x										
Carol Kaalberg (Cluster Coordinator)			x										
Jim Ball (3 rd year)			x										
Nancy Waldschmidt(3rd year)			x										
Arlene Johnston (3rd year)			x										
Mike Sieverding (3rd year)			x										
Marty Boeckenstedt (Lay director)			X										
Carol Kirkpatrick (Lay director)			x										

1. The meeting was called to order by Nancy Waldschmidt at 6:35pm. This is a joint meeting with Finance Council so as to meet the diocesan requirement of quarterly Finance Council meetings. Attendees: Tammy Musser, Carl Cambridge, Judy Grothe. Absent: Connie Schnoebelen and Clayton Michel. No guests.
2. Opening Prayer – Vision 20/20 Prayer
3. Minutes from the November meeting were approved, motion by Mike Sieverding and 2nd by Jim Ball.
4. Report from Fr Mike
 - Father thanked those who helped him with his recent back problems. He is “on the mend.”
 - Lent begins March 6. Ash Wednesday Masses are 8:30 am at Hills, 10 am at Pioneer Park, 6:30 pm at Lone Tree and Hills
 - Lenten Stations, Mass and soup suppers begin on March 14. 6:00 at Hills; 6:30 at Lone Tree for three weeks and 6:30 at Nichols for the following three weeks
 - Vision 20/20 Regional meeting in Feb. 21 at St. Bernadette in West Branch with our cluster parishes, West Branch and Wilton parishes. Diocesan representative is Kay Temple. Representatives from Hills, Lone Tree, and Nichols will attend. Fr. Steinle, pastor of West Branch and Wilton will have surgery and be on medical leave for 3 months.
 - March 10 is RCIA Rite of Election at St. Patrick, Iowa City. Cluster has 3 candidates.
 - Father will send a letter to parishioners who have not yet contributed to ADA.
 - June 6-8 is Vision 20/20 Convocation at St. Ambrose in Davenport.
- Report from Carol Kaalberg
 - March 10 is the Lone Tree/Nichols Joint Pancake Breakfast.
5. Commission Reports

Church/Family Life

- Carol Kirkpatrick reported there will be no Soup Supper this year. Will revisit next year. She attended “Hundredfold” diocesan meeting. Emphasis on vocations and prayer suggestions for parishes. Vocation cards are in cluster churches. Carol will continue to spearhead.
- About 16 attended the Super Bowl Supper.
- St. Joseph church now has a presence in the Hills city newsletter to reach the community as a welcoming parish.

- Carol will lead a Dynamic Catholic “Parish Champion Initiative. Looking for books, CDs or other resources to share with cluster parishes, new members, etc.
- Connie Shaw will continue to coordinate the 4th of July supper

Social Action:

- Hills Food Pantry will partner with Lone Tree for this year’s Easter baskets.

Faith Formation – Nancy Waldschmidt

- Many religious classes were missed because of weather. Policy is if no school, no religion class. Not sure how to make up the time.
- Server training was held for new servers 5th grade and above
- Father Mike complimented Trudi Westfall’s efforts as DRE

Building and Grounds

- Mike Sieverding has had no response from Record Door regarding the closer problem. He has designed a mechanism to prevent the door from opening.
- Need to wait for warmer weather to replace shingles
- Water damaged the light fixture in the south kitchen entryway stairway.
- The choir organ didn’t work on a Sunday a few weeks ago but is now working
- Mike Lombard has been hired to do snow removal and lawn mowing

Cemetery

- Nothing new to report.

Altar and Rosary

- Did not meet in January or February. Next meeting will discuss June activities: Terry Ball ordination on June 1 and Mass and brunch/reception on June 2; undecided whether to have Salad Luncheon; June 23 Father Mike’s 50th Jubilee Mass and Reception.

Liturgy:

- April 14 Palm Sunday; April 18 Holy Thursday Mass 7 pm at Nichols; April 19 Good Friday 3pm Stations at Hills; 7 pm Lord’s Passion at Lone Tree; Easter Vigil April 20, 8 pm at Hills and Lone Tree; Easter Sunday Masses, 8 am at Nichols; 9 am at Lone Tree and 10 am at Hills.

Finance Council –these minutes will also be filed in Finance Council file.

- Father reviewed the Degenhart Trust and reimbursement from Hills Bank Management Account with a 12/31/18 ending market value of \$2,392,077.51. In 2019, St. Joseph Parish will receive \$132,773.76, \$50.00 for Masses and St. Stanislaus Cemetery will receive \$200.00. The goal is to not go below \$2m in the Management Account.
- Lay Directors will sign/approve the “Annual Report of Trustee” for the Court.
- Father recommended donating \$25,000 to Lone Tree and Nichols. Mike Sieverding made a motion and Carl Cambridge seconded to do this. Motion passed.
- Carol Kaalberg, on behalf of Lone Tree and Nichols parish councils,, thanked Father Mike for these donations. Nichols plans to use the funds to build a covered ramp to the entrance of the Nichols church. Lone Tree plans to use the funds to cover the present lift.
- Father reviewed the Degenhart Family trust account with 12/31/18 ending market value of \$9.6M.
- Father reviewed the Gorman Family Account with 12/31/18 ending market value of \$235,832.51. The account Seminarian Fund has donated \$20,000 to Deacon Terry Ball.

6. Old Business:

- Dates for Pictorial Directory are July 11-13 for Hills; July 25 for Nichols; July 26-27 for Lone Tree. Parishioners from the cluster will be asked to submit pictures of parish events/activities

for the directory. Digital photos should be sent to Judy Stebral – jbstebra1@peoplepc.com. The request will be put in the cluster bulletin.

- April 14 will be Parish Council nominations with Parish Council elections on April 28 at all cluster churches

7. New Business

- Father Mike thanked council members for their work and cooperation.
- Finance Council will make an effort to have quarterly meetings as required by the diocese.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50PM with a closing prayer.

Next meeting is March 11, 2019. (Moved up from March 18 which is Spring Break week.)

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Stebral

Recording Secretary