

**ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 4, 2005**

<b>*Fr. Tim Morin/Pastor</b>	<b>Steve Robach/Social Justice</b>	<b>*Kent Fenske/Liturgy</b>
<b>Bob Killey/Community Life</b>	<b>Denise Walsh/Faith Form</b>	<b>Joan Lohman/Liturgy</b>
<b>Patti Ries/Pastoral Care</b>	<b>Barb O'Shea/Faith Form</b>	<b>Donna Carpentier/At Large</b>
<b>Kathy Indihar/Pastoral Care</b>	<b>Rick Fetter/Finance</b>	<b>Annette Goff/At Large</b>
<b>Linda Beckman/Social Justice</b>	<b>Mike Lentz/Finance</b>	<b>Ann Sheldon/At Large</b>

**7:20 Opening of the PPC Meeting – Prayer led by Mike Lentz**

August Meeting Minutes – approved.

October Agenda – approved, with the addition regarding an update of the progress of the Old Church at the end of the meeting.

**Commission Reports**

Charity and Justice met and talked about their 3 main objectives, and action plans for the upcoming year that they are focusing on. 1) Looking at a “sister” parish, 2) develop an awareness campaign to discuss local charity and justice issues, and 3) identify the needs of the community.

Finance – the AC compressor needed to be replaced, as well as there has been significant water in the office basement. Both issues have not been budgeted for. Stewardship flyers are returning and being sorted. It is imperative that all committees contact any new people who wish to join their committee.

Pastoral Care – ministers’ training sessions were held, the Women’s Spirituality Group has started.

Faith Formation – 6 people will attend the Youth Conference.

Liturgy- the sound system is being updated, looking at the ministries for training and enrichment.

Community Life – a very busy season!

**7:50 Old Business**

Sept 10<sup>th</sup> meeting recap-Commissions need to talk to other commissions! Mike Lentz gave an explanation /review of the commission process. A suggestion was made to have an all-commission dinner meeting each quarter at the parish, so that planning and communicating can be done. The suggestion will be brought to the Executive Committee meeting and discussed.

**8:05 New Business**

Creating a Safe Environment – There will be training for the catechists mandated by the Archdiocese, at St. Joe’s during (Wed. Oct. 19) MEA break. Since our parish has a large population of volunteers who need to be trained; the sessions will be scheduled at the parish in the fall and spring. The Archdiocese is asking of each parish to implement policies, provide training, have background checks, and keep a record of all information. Commissions need to discuss the possibility of a volunteer refusing to comply with the new standards, as was the case with Pastoral Care.

The PPC members agreed that any volunteer who refuses to comply, will not be a part of that ministry in the parish's name.

Virtus Training is a 3 hour process, and will include child abuse, neglect, and vulnerable person situations. All staff and employees will be trained by mid-November, and all volunteers by January 2006. The January training session is still being finalized.

Year End Financial Report – The contributions exceeded expectations, and the budget was kept in balance.

**Pastor's Report** – Although Fr. Tim was not present, Mike announced that St. Joe's will have a new seminarian who will be working with Fr. Tim and experience parish life. A "Teaching Parish" committee will be formed, as a way of parishioners mentoring the seminarian, and they will meet once per month.

**Old St. Joe's Church Update** – memos have been sent to all parties who are currently working on the project that the PPC is asking for future plans of the space, including a proposal. The committee has exhausted all of its funds, and they are looking to do fundraising. Once plans are submitted they will go to Fr. Tim, then the Building and Grounds committee for review and discussion, and to the PPC.

Parishioner Comments

None received

Next Meeting: November 1, 2005

Notes submitted by Carmen Schmitz