

## St Joseph Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2024

**Call to Order** – 5:30 Dick Weller. Members present: Fr Mike Williams, Dick Weller, Tom Wenzlick, Mary Jane Boak, Bob Puralewski and Kathy George.

**Opening Prayer** – Kathy George

**Minutes of Prior Meeting** – Approved without changes

**Education Trust Fund** – ETF is back down to normal amount of contributions to the school.

**Youth Program – Fr Mike**

A new youth program is in the works for our high schoolers. Jen and a few others are working on something with a social component combined with high school religious ed.

**Evangelization/Welcoming Committee – Tom Wenzlick**

Video series promoting vocations is wrapping up. These videos were produced by St Joe students and adult helpers. Videos will be shared with students next week, then possibly with parish council and on social media. This was a successful project and there are hopes to continue it next year, possibly as part of classroom instruction.

**Finance Committee – Dick Weller**

Tithing expectation was raised from 19,000 per week to 19,100 per week. Wages have gone up about 2%, tuition per student has gone up about 5%. There are currently 208 students enrolled. Subsidy from the diocese is up about \$50,000 due to more money collected throughout the parishes. There will be a new revenue line in the budget for Registration Fees. These fees will be \$250 for new families and \$150 for returning families.

The current budget is tight, but about where expected. There was a bulletin item outlining the need to increase donations.

Construction in the school will begin at the end of May. Lockers will be updated and the windows and the new south facade will be installed.

The scholarship program has \$90,000 available for applicants. There will be a \$100 tuition credit just for applying. In addition, if a family applies, the \$35 application fee is refunded.

Items to Address – Dick Weller

None

**Pastor's Report – Fr Mike**

Update on the ongoing lawsuit regarding the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Case: Oral arguments will be heard by the Appellate Court in Cincinnati on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

. The legal counsel for the Diocese is appealing the dismissal of the case by a Michigan judge.

The first Trinity Families dinner had seven families in attendance.

The post-Confirmation meeting was cancelled, lack of attendance.

Saints and Scholars, the Diocese-wide fund drive for Catholic schools, will begin in September.

Next year's budget had a \$55,000 deficit and required cuts. The Finance Council reported that there was nothing left to cut except staff.

**Comments/Thoughts**

Tom Wenzlick reported that the Knights of Columbus pancake breakfasts raised about \$1000 for the school.

Prayer for Vocations

Next Meeting – September 18th, 2024 at 5:30