

**ST. JOSEPH'S**

**PARISH**



**COUNCIL**

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**ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH COUNCIL**

**Date: June 7, 2018**

**Time: 7:00PM**

**ATTENDEES:**

Fr. Benjamin  
Deacon Mark Kehl  
Kathleen Gray  
Carolyn Kramer  
Katie McMicken  
Anne Everetts  
Amy Rogers  
Norm Turner  
Michael Walkowiak

**ABSENTEES:**

Cathy Levesque  
Joe Levesque  
Jim McBride  
Bill Place  
Dustin Bliss

Opening prayer by Katie McMicken

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Signs In/Out of Town and Signs:**
  - Mike is working on signs. It will take some time but they will be
  - Talk to Cathy about signs.
  
- **Lifetouch Photo Book (Cathy):**
  - Carolyn will keep in contact with Cathy for updates over the summer months.
  
- **Flocknote:**
  - 51 Total people so far.
  - Contest has generated 5 more people.
  
- **Faith Formation:**
  - Confirmation was a very nice, well attended Mass.
  - Bishop was very pleased and nice day with very nice weather.
  
- **Parade for Holland Bicentennial Tulip Festival:**
  - Parade was a success!
  - The McMicken Family will pull the St. Joseph's Float for next year's Tulip Festival Parade.
  - The McMicken Family will make repairs on the float and clean it up for next year.
  
- **Sidewalk Repair:**
  - Sidewalk repair was completed and the work was very well done!
  
- **Excavating for Sinkhole:**
  - Sinkhole work was completed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Cemetery and Finance Committee:**
  - Eric Kramer and Joe Kerber are handling grounds maintenance and clean up (except mowing which is contracted out).
  - Eric Kramer enjoys the work, but can not handle the burials. There have been 4 burials this year.
  - Joe Kerber included a Cemetery Maintenance Log. \*See Carolyn for copies.
  - Finance Committee will be meeting Tuesday June 19th in the rectory.

- **Picnic (Ann Everetts attended meeting to give information on the Picnic):**
  - Date is Sunday, July 29th 2018 starting with 10:30 am Mass followed by:
    - 50/50
    - Chinese Auction
    - Food: Hotdogs and Hamburgers and dishes to pass brought by attendees.
  - Jeremy Roth is contacted for DJ and will use his speakers for Mass.
    - Ask Jeremy to itemize for tax benefit.
  - Bingo
    - Ann will purchase gift cards for prizes
  - Need a chairperson for children's games.
    - Will appeal for chairperson that will organize children's games and prizes.
    - Will add space on volunteer sign-up sheet for interest in organizing children's games.
  - No facepainting and No Clown this year. It was an added cost that is not needed.
  - Proposed Schedule leading up to that day:
    - 6/9 - 6/10 Sign-up sheets in vestibule
    - 6/17 Bulletin announcement of planning meeting on July 1 for all interested in helping.
    - 6/24 Repeat Bulletin announcement on 7/1 planning meeting.
    - 7/1 Planning meeting at 9:00 in Parish Hall
  - Budget
    - Propose a \$400 budget, but expect net total expense to be less than \$100.
    - Last year was \$800 but we had extraordinary expenses.
  
- **Election of Officers for 2018-2019:**
  - **President:** Carolyn Kramer
  - **Vice-President:** Norm Turner
  - **Secretary:** Katie McMicken
  
- **Pictures of Committee Members:**
  - Pictures of Committee Members taken and displayed on a Bulletin in order to be recognized by Parishioners.
  - Highlight a different group for each month.

- **Parish Council To Do's for the Next Year:**
  - It was noted that the social committee needs updating and a Chairperson is needed.
  - Should meetings take place on Thursdays for next year?
  - **September 13, 2017** next meeting for new year.
  
- **Grief Ministry Update Given by Ann Everetts:**
  - Grief Ministry is going well and has a lot of people from different Parishes and a lot of people have really bonded.
  - Ministering to people who are grieving is a needed ministry within our Parish and surrounding communities.
  - Ann would like to purchase a 4 book set designed for people who are grieving. Each book is designed for each step of grieving.
  - They would like to send out the book sets to a family who has lost a loved one.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm, with closing prayer by Carolyn Kramer

**NEXT MEETING IS Thursday September 13th AT 7:00PM in the Parish  
Hall  
Opening prayer will be offered by TBD  
Closing prayer will be offered by TBD**