

## Church of St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Council

January 10, 2017

Meeting Minutes

**Attending:** Lynda True, Sylvia Ryan, Bernie Dutke, Angie Neumann, Roberta Grady, Ronnie Santana  
**Guests:** None

Lynda offered a prayer to open the meeting at 6:35.

Parish Anniversary and All School Reunion: We discussed several questions that the parish council still has about the event. Roberta will talk with Joe Lichty and/or Jane to clarify. Also, Lynda will follow up with Fr. Creagan to find out if we are still going to do the Corn Feed this year or route all of our summer efforts to the this June event.

Minutes from the December 13th meeting were approved.

Hospitality Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> only

- 7:30 Roberta Grady
- 9:00 Ronnie Santana
- 11:00 Angie Neumann

New Parishioner welcome: Matt Lasure and Dan Brewer have talked about the new parishioner welcome. Matt will email the results to the Parish Council as he had to work tonight. We should set a start date like May 2017 and then we can organize around it.

Father Creagan and Father Peter were involved with the Finance Council and the annual budget. They could not attend.

How our parish impacts the community: We started talking about how it has been several years since we have done a stewardship survey of our talents. We used to put cards in the pews for people to indicate what their interests were. It was noted that if there is no follow up to every card, then it creates some dissatisfaction. Maybe we could give them a list of contacts (phone numbers and/or email) for various ministries or activities. Or simply ask them to tithe 2 hours of their time each month. What can you do for the parish for 2 hours each month? E.g. be an usher one Sunday a month, etc. We talked about using our resources to feed those “within our fence” as opposed to community outreach.

Parishioner Questions: Will the priest face away from the congregation at St. Joe’s? This is happening at some other parishes. We will discuss this the next time the priests attend.

We adjourned at 7:30.