

St Joseph Church, Hills  
Parish Council & Finance Council Meeting Minutes  
Monday, March 21, 2022

Name	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Fr. Hai Dinh	-	X	X									
Carol Kaalberg (Cluster Coordinator)	-	A	X									
Arlene Johnston (4 <sup>th</sup> year of 3 years)	-	X	X									
Mike Sieverding (4 <sup>th</sup> Year of 3 Year)	-	X	X									
Matthew Waldschmidt (2 <sup>nd</sup> year of 3 years)	-	X	A									
Carol Mills (2 <sup>nd</sup> <sup>st</sup> year of 3 years)	-	X	X									
Jim Schneider (2 <sup>nd</sup> year of 2 year)	-	X	X									
Karen Karr (2 <sup>nd</sup> year of 2 Year)	-	X	X									
Carol Kirkpatrick (Lay Director)	-	X	X									
Marty Boeckenstedt (Lay Director)	-	A	X									

Finance Council members attending: Deanne Eden, Carl Cambridge. Finance Council members absent: Mike Parker, Barbara Mahanna, Connie Schnoebelen.

1. Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm
2. Opening prayer by Carol Kaalberg
3. Welcomed guests:
  - a. Tim Ruth and Ron Stutsman asking if St. Joseph Church would donate a portion of the church parking lot which is adjacent to the existing Atrium garage, to allow construction of a new enclosed garage at Atrium Village which would double parking spaces to approx. 22. Tim presented a drawing of the proposed building which would be 6,000 sq. feet and approx. 48 feet long. The center of the existing garage is on the church property. (Note: The property where Atrium is located was original church property and was donated to Atrium Village when it was built in the 1980s.) The south parking lot driveway would be moved to the west and straightened out, as well as some other changes to the area to allow for the new garage. Approx. cost for the new garage would be \$500,000. Ron Stutsman commented on the importance and value of Atrium Village and this new structure to Atrium residents, as well as to the Hills Community. Parish Council and Finance Council agreed to take the question under consideration and discuss it.
  - b. Father Terry Ball. Carol Kaalberg read a thank you from Father Terry for the \$500 donation from the church and the donation of clothing to the MercyIC Pastoral Care Dept "Garments To Go" program. Father Terry explained the need for this clothing to meet the basic clothing needs of referred patients who are unable to leave the hospital without proper attire. St. Joseph church will put the request in the bulletin. We will contact Andrea Ollendick to make posters/fliers to be posted in Hills businesses to see if they will help collect donations of the clothing. Judy Stebral will help with this. Father has no budget to purchase this clothing. He has contacted many churches and organizations in the Iowa City area requesting clothing, with very little response. Items requested: **NEW Unisex Sized Medium, Large, XL and 2 XL** sweatpants, crew neck sweatshirts, long-sleeve t-shirts.
4. Minutes from the last meeting: motion by Karen Karr and Carol Mills 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved.
5. Father Hai and Carol :
  - a. Stations of the Cross, Mass and soup suppers continue through Lent. First Saturday Mass, April 2, at Lone Tree church with Confessions at 8 am, Mass at 9 am; and adoration until noon. Anointing residents at Atrium and Pioneer Park. Father and Carol are taking Communion to homebound. Alyssa Moran has been trained and will help with homebound communion calls. Father continues to contact parishioners who have not returned to church since Covid. Having some success. Washing of the feet on Holy Thursday at Nichols church. Confirmation class (9), first Eucharist students (7), and others will

participate. Four men have signed up to join KofC. Need 20 to form a Council. Need to find the former KofC members who joined when Father Kneemiller was here. St. Joseph will pay off the remaining unpaid pledges of \$6,272 to meet our goal of \$18,503. Dede Ollendick met with Confirmation students about the Synod to get their responses to send to the Diocese. Diocesan Capital Campaign goal is \$28m to support retired priests, faith formation for seminarians, and to help parishes with their needs. Our cluster will start in 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2023 to work on the campaign. St. Joseph goal is \$103k, Lone Tree goal is \$83k, Nichols goal is \$53k. Goal is determined by annual income X 1.6. Will gather pledges over 3 years and just do the best we can. Coffee and donuts now after 10 am Mass on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays. Altar and Rosary and Parish/Finance Council will take turns hosting. We will have no more virtual Masses. Clean Church Grounds scheduled for Saturday, April 9 at 8:30. Rain date April 16. May Crowning at all Masses on Mother's Day weekend.

1. Commission Reports

- a. Family Life/Church Life: Carol Mills
  - i. NA
- b. Social Justice and Peace: Arlene Johnston
  - i. No new projects, except Fr. Terry's project mentioned earlier
- c. Faith Formation: Karen Karr
  - i. NA
- d. Building and Grounds: Mike Sieverding
  - i. Plans to trim the tree on April 9. Levi Reitzler will help with his lift. Still needs to patch the chimney.
- e. Finance Council: Carol Kaalberg reported for Matt Waldschmidt
  - i. Income is down somewhat. Church will pay off the ADA. We transferred \$20,000 from Investment Mgmt to meet expenses.
- f. Liturgy: Fr. Hai
  - i. Holy week as earlier discussed.
- g. Altar & Rosary: Carol Kirkpatrick
  - i. Nothing new.
- h. St. Stanislaus Cemetery: Mike Sieverding
  - i. Na

2. Old business

- a. NA

3. New business

- a. Councils discussed the question about donating part of the church parking lot to Atrium Village for the garage project. Carol Mills made a motion that St. Joseph church donate a portion of the church parking lot to Atrium Village as needed for the proposed new garage, pending Bishop Zinkula's approval. Mike Sieverding seconded the motion. Unanimous approval by Parish Council and Finance Council.
- b. Nomination forms for Parish Council election will be in the bulletin the weekend of April 24. Members terms expiring: Mike Sieverding and Arlene Johnston (currently serving 4<sup>th</sup> year of a 3-year term), Jim Schneider and Karen Karr (currently serving 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a 2-year term).

4. Father Hai read the prayer for peace.

5. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

6. Next meeting April 25. (Father Hai will be out of the office on April 18)

Minutes respectfully submitted

Judy Stebral