



## Joint Pastoral Council Minutes ~ January 21, 2017 St Joseph

### Pastoral Council Members

- Fr. Dennis Robb, *Pastor*

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- Diann Dickey, SJ
  - Julie Fisher, QA, *Chairman*
  - Mike Flynn, SJ
  - Kathy Gonzales, QA
  - Michael McNulty, SJ
  - Tom O'Donnell, QA
  - Ken Berkes, SJ
  - Regina McGovern, QA
  - Harley Robinson, QA
  - Per Saelid, SJ
  - Emilie Thornton, QA
  - Jacquelyn Witte, SJ, *Secretary*

### Pastoral Council Members Absent

- Fr. Leonardo Pestano, *Parochial Vicar*
- Cathy Wiswell, *Regional Administrator*
- Lexie Feingold, *Youth Liaison*

The meeting was called to order by Julie Fisher at 9:00 AM in the Parish Hall at St. Joseph Parish.

**I. Opening Prayer** Mike Flynn led the opening prayer.

**II. Guests:** There was one guest, Janice Robinson.

### III. Parishioner Comments

(a) A parishioner requested return of the prayer cards in the pews. These are easier references than finding the longer prayers in the missals.

(b) Some parishioners find the bulletin confusing. As a joint parish with many activities, there is much information each week. The organization of the bulletin is logical if a person takes the time to look through it carefully and note the layout.

(c) In regard to a request for announcements at the beginning of Mass, Father Robb pointed out that liturgically announcements should be at the end of Mass. Everyone should be reading the bulletin for announcements and many don't. Father Robb is encouraging all parishioners to use the bulletin as a prayer book and to pray for all our activities and ministries. Last year the council suggested use of Flock notes as a way to enhance communications.

(d) A Queen of Angels parishioner is concerned about the large tree across from the church. An arborist will be consulted to evaluate if the tree is likely to fall on the church.

(e) With regard to a situation of a group of people talking and consulting game status on their cell phones before Mass, it was recommended that those disturbed should tactfully request quiet so others can pray.

**IV. Approval of Minutes** The November minutes were approved as written.

**V. Old Business**

**A. Committee Reports**

**1. Youth and Young Adult Programs**

This committee has established a Facebook group called *Olympic Peninsula Catholic Adventures Group*. The committee is planning a Mardi Gras parish event to be held at Queen of Angels that would also be a recruiting opportunity. Father Robb expressed concern that high school youth and young adults not be mixed as they have different interests and priorities. Associating with Students for Life might be considered.

**2. Ecumenical Development**

Our parishes will work the Friends of the Fair Kitchen at the County Fair and wear T shirts that identify our parishes. Only 7 people are needed and funds go to the fair. The committee may also investigate sponsoring a sports team. A presence at various festivals with shirts to identify our churches is one way to be visible to the greater community. The Human Life booth is mostly staffed with Catholics but so far individuals are not identified either as Catholic or as parishioners of our churches.

**3. Deepen Our Faith / Growing Faith**

This committee has been researching topics and presenters for parish missions. Cathy Wiswell has provided a comprehensive check list for organizing a parish mission. The goal is to have a mission spring and fall, alternating between St. Joseph and Queen of Angels.

**B.** Father Robb collected written suggestions for use of the rental properties at Queen of Angels.. Any additional suggestions should be submitted directly to Father Robb as soon as possible. Father will have a proposal to review at our February meeting.

**VI. Pastor's Comments** There was poor attendance at the St. Joseph's listening session. Many did not seem to know what it was. Father will mention the Listening Session at Queen of Angels during Masses this Sunday.

**VIII. Opening Prayer for February** will be led by Kathy Gonzales.

**X. Father Robb gave the Closing Blessing.**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM

**Next meeting Saturday February 18, 2017 9:15-11:00 AM  
Queen of Angels St. Anne Room**

Respectfully submitted by Jacquelyn Witte, Recording Secretary