



# St. John the Evangelist Parish Pastoral Council Minutes for January 13, 2014

*Quorum-two-thirds of the Parish Council were present*

## **Members Present**

Bill Stokan-Finance  
Susanna Tomlinson- President and Samaritan  
Mark Krepich- Liturgy  
Dorothy Yingling- Discipleship  
Paul Dennis- Social  
Heather Yasolsky- Family Life  
Debbie Ergler- Secretary and School  
Ed Ergler- Maintenance

Msgr. Mike Becker  
Deacon Gene

## **Members Absent**

Karen Monghemer- Finance  
Tabatha Griffin  
Vanessa Donoughe- Religious Education  
Ann Brown- Youth Group  
Jerry Rentz- Haiti

Susanna opened the meeting with prayer.  
Susanna welcomed Heather Yasolsky to council.

Motion to approve minutes as presented by Mark and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul

## **New Business:**

- We need to appoint Vice President to replace Dave Andrews.
- Msgr. shared that the Bishop is forming a Diocesan Pastoral Council to assist parishes in being proactive in sharing our Catholic faith.
- New Bookkeeper, Heather Reimer was hired this January. Julie Carland has retired.

## **Old Business:**

Susanna passed out Parish Council Directory and updated changes to be made.

Msgr. gave an update from Our Sunday Visitor's program: *Grateful Giving, Joyful Living*

- New Bookkeeper will clarify the offertory commitments and then we can send out reminder letter in February.
- Robo calls have helped parishioners with reminders of activities.
- We will look for a family to speak to the parish during Catholic School's week.
- Renaming the Day Chapel to Pope John XXIII Chapel will take place in spring of 2014.
- Mary Petrak was hired to replace Jane Adams in 2014-2015.
- Father discussed Moving the Tabernacle to the front of the church and making the Reservation Chapel a new space for the confessional. The current confessional room would then become a closet. Monsignor will now contact the Commission Committee and submit a drawing of our proposal. Rick Karcher will assist with the drawing.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Education- Religious Ed** – No report. We will continue to ask youth to join Parrish Council. Susanna will contact Stephanie Krug to see if she can recommend a 10 and 11 grader.

**School-** No report

**Family Life** – No report Dorothy Yingling will be our new representative.

**Finance** – Msgr. shared Bill Hess Accounting Firm completed a second audit and found chart of accounts needs a major updating. No evidence of mis-management of funds. Finance Committee moved forward to hire a new bookkeeper, Heather Reimer. Bill reported that the committee continues to address the school budget and how to pay debt and help the school become self sufficient.

**Haiti** – no report

**Liturgy** – Mark reported discussion re: moving the tabernacle and the success of the St John's Feast Day breakfast. .

**Maintenance** – Ed Met with Rusty Baker re: what is needed for the front doors of the church to be refinished. Dave Auerback has offered to assist with a new fence around the air conditioning unit located on the left side of the church. Ed was asked to meet the new maintenance man, Ken, to review plans for repairs.

**Social** – Joan Price is planning Mardi Gras for March. Father shared some ideas for future Parish trips throughout the year and will ask the Social committee to help with the planning.

**Discipleship-** No report, Heather will now be the new Parish representative.

**Youth Group-** Deacon Gene and Msgr shared that the youth delivered Christmas baskets to shut ins and visited with them. The response was well received.

**Adult Education:** Msgr is planning a trip to New York April 5 to Cloister Museum . We will use the new book by Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel*, for study in Lent. Father will order 100 books at \$13.

**Samaritan-** Susanna reported: **St John's Charity Fund**

Next 2014 love feast will be May 24<sup>th</sup>,2014.

Food collections from January netted 72 bags taken to Altoona Food Pantry.

**Saint John's Angel Tree** worked with 21 families. We had a lot of assistance from outside the parish also. Altoona Family Video paid for our Turkeys this year. Contact Altoona bought all the gifts for one family. This gave us a surplus of money left over. Susanna request that we send out \$300 checks to our six agencies that work with families in need.

All council members approved.

Treasurer's Report:	Income from November December	\$2010.00
	Expenses: to assist families	\$1704.00
	Savings Account:	\$918.75
	Checking Account:	\$1,834.30

January second Sunday money will be added.

Motion to adjourn by Paul and seconded by Bill.

The next Parish Council meeting will be **February 10th, 7:00pm in the Church Gathering space. If you can't make it please call the office.**

Submitted by Secretary Debbie Ergler and Susanna