



**St. John the Evangelist  
Parish Pastoral Council  
Minutes for January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
*Quorum-two-thirds of the Parish Council were present*

**Members Present**

Susanna Tomlinson- President and Samaritan  
Mark Krepich- Vice President and Liturgy  
Debbie Ergler- Secretary and School  
Vanessa Donoughe- Religious Education  
Heather Yasolsky- Discipleship  
Bill Stokan-Finance  
Heather Nackley- Family Life  
Ann Brown- Youth Group  
Paul Dennis- Social  
Diane Turcovsky- Finance  
Msgr. Mike Becker  
Mary Petrack

**Members Absent**

Ed Ergler- Maintenance

**Deacon Gene**

Tabatha Griffin  
Paul Davis- Haiti Committee

Susanna opened the meeting with prayer.

Motion to approve minutes as presented by Msgr Becker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ann

**New Business:**

- Paul asked for a clarification of script and who could buy script to support a student. Discussion followed on the guidelines and the current success of the script program. Sales of script are up 47% this school year. Paul asked if the parish would accept a gift of a Defibrillator from a parishioner. Board agreed that having one available would be a good idea. The new ones are easy to operate and greeters or parishioners could be trained.
- Msgr ask for prayer for Deacon Gene. Mark Krepich has volunteered to do scheduling while Deacon Gene is recovering.
- Msgr would like to plan a Bacculeriet Mass for all graduating seniors in grade, high school and college. Vanessa offered to work with Msgr. to plan this event.

**Old Business:**

- Due to lack of space for parish programs: Susanna suggested purchasing tables and chairs for Fr. Bailey Hall. Susanna obtained a bid from Carnegie Company for 12 round tables and 8 chairs per table (total 96 stackable chairs). A parishioner suggested asking for donations per cost of table and chairs equaling \$375.00. Council agreed that this would be a good idea. Bill Stokan offered to one the first table set. Upon purchase, Susanna will consult with school and Ken to clean out space for storage. Father mentioned that our \$7000 grant was matched and we have \$21,000 that could pay if we do not have enough donations.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Education- Religious Education: **Religious Ed.:** Mary Petrak reported one of her goals was to reach out to families. The children have been attending and on the advent event 25 parents came. Mary will plan one for Lent also. Mary will continue to work with Confirmation Class but would like to meet with individual grade

levels to schedule year's activities. 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades attended retreat in Frenchville and the kids really like and connected to Sr Suzanne.

- **Education**- No report from Tabatha. Father reported that all schools in diocese will stay the same for next year.
- **Family Life** – Heather reported next September 2015 is family conference in Philadelphia that Pope Francis will attend. The committee could look into a bus to attend. Mark suggested working with Family Life Office in the Diocese. Their web page is on the Diocese Web site.
- **Finance** – Meeting this month, Father mentioned that our \$7000 grant was matched and we have \$21,000.
- **Haiti** – Paul sent a report with Heather Y. Soup supper is scheduled for Ash Wednesday. Paul will give a presentation to CCD Class and committee is still looking for fundraiser idea to support our commitment of \$5000 per quarter. Msgr mentioned that the parishioners loved our new Nativity Set given to St. John's from Haiti.
- **Liturgy** –Mark reported committee suggested moving Penance Service to Sunday Afternoon to accommodate more people. We have 6 people in our class to enter the church at Easter. 2 people are Catholic and will just receive Confirmation. There is a possible 7<sup>th</sup> person who has expressed interest.
- **Maintenance** –Msgr reported that the parish is looking to hire a new cleaning person. The duties would be cleaning classrooms in evening and church on Friday morning. Ken suggested hiring a man who would then help with summer yard work. Vanessa suggested hiring or using high school kids to help with summer work.
- **Social** – Paul reported that the social committee paid for parish breakfast at Cracker Barrel on St John's Feast Day. Next event is Mardi gras in February. There is room for 100 and perhaps the new tables and chairs will be used. Msgr 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Cora and Barb are working on plans for the celebrations. A suggestion of a small reception that the parish could attend after each mass on Mother's Day with the First Communion Class after 11 mass may be considered.
- **Discipleship**- Heather has one person for Financial Peace workshop and website is in place. Heather will also do a parenting class, "Scream Free Parenting" for St John's Families if and when they are interested. She is planning a workshop on 7 Healthy habits for Teens for 8<sup>th</sup> graders.
- **Youth**- Ann reported kids visited shut ins. Women baked cookies for the kids to take with them.
- **Samaritan**- Susanna reported: November and December 2014  
Next Love Feast will be February 21, 2015. Committee would also like to do a Love Feast in the Lakemont area next June 2015.  
Angel Tree was delivered December 12. We worked with 23 families.  
Total balance is accounts: Savings at \$20.87 and Checking at \$2101.10. Susanna is sending out checks for \$300 to area agencies.
- **Adult Ed**- Msgr. ALPHA program is going well. Msgr would like to continue building the program in the parish. Msgr. is considering an overnight retreat for those interested in being on an AHPA team. Msgr has spoken to the warden at Blair County Prison to present a program. We will address this possibility after the holidays. Msgr is thinking of offering 12 Spirituality Class nest for Adult Ed and will offer a bible study on Wednesday Evening on Gospel of Mark.

Adjourn at 8:15

The next Parish Council meeting will be February 9<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm in the Church Gathering space. If you can't make it please call the office or e-mail Susanna at [smt01@atlanticbb.net](mailto:smt01@atlanticbb.net)

Submitted by Debbie and Susanna