



*St. John the Evangelist
Parish Pastoral Council Minutes
Monday, June 12, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.*

Quorum – Two-thirds of the Parish Council voting Membership was present.

Members Present:

Msgr. Michael Becker	Mark Krepich	James Campbell	Wally Wargo
Heather Nackley	Diane Turcovsky	Cecelia Bloom	Cynthia Karcher
Christopher Palazzi	Patrick Podoletz	Mary Ann Mirobelli	Mary Haenig
Debbie Johnson			

Members Absent:

Robert Olson	Fran Semelsberger	Mary Lee Madigan Davis	Deacon Gene Neral
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1. **Prayer & Opening** – A new opening prayer was proposed and accepted to replace the prior prayer.
2. **Approval of minutes from last meeting** – Minutes of 5/8/17 meeting were reviewed and accepted.
3. **Old Business**
 - a) Parish Council Selections – New Members: Carolyn Fye, Mike Greslick, Chris Ringkamp, Patrick Schurr
 - b) Angel Tree program- Cynthia Karcher reports that she spoke with Susanna Tomlinson and Jeannie Johnstone from Catholic Charities. Catholic Charities is willing to work with us in the vetting of families for the program. They provide gifts to eligible children up to age 18 and adults receive food or utility gift cards. Individual gifts are not to exceed \$25. Catholic Charities is well aware of the necessity of discretion and would handle the distribution of gifts. This would allow our parish to still have the Angel Tree presence in our gathering space and parishioners could contribute, but not the burden of distribution. Parish council voted to coordinate with Catholic Charities to administer the Angel Tree for Christmas 2017.
 - c) Council Binders – should be passed on to incoming members.
4. **New Business**
 - a) Thank you to all departing members – Heather, Diane, MaryLee & Mark Krepich
 - b) Incoming council members are encouraged to contemplate which committee they would like to work with this fall.
 - c) Incoming council members are also encouraged to consider the individual who will be the next vice president. That person should be serving their 1st or 2nd year.
5. **Committee Reports**
 - a) **Religious Education** – Mary Haenig sadly reports that Vacation Bible School has been cancelled, due to only 10 children being signed up, despite ample advertising.
 - b) **Family Life** – Heather Nackley reports that the 5/21/17 program on Scams and Fraud had 20 attendees and was well received.

- c) **Finance** – A meeting of the finance committee took place on 5/17/17 with Matt Stever from the Diocese. Parish debt was discussed. Tom Weimer is going to be speaking at masses in the next couple of weeks to discuss the state of our parish finances. The next finance committee meeting has not been set, but will occur soon.
 - d) **Haiti** – No report
 - e) **Liturgy** – The parish picnic will take place on 7/23/17 and mass will take place at 11:00 am that day at the park.
 - f) **Maintenance** – Wally Wargo met with Monsignor Becker, MaryAnn Mirobelli and Ken Dumire. The following projects were identified: Fascia repair and painting on upper corner of gymnasium roof; A new administration sign has been ordered and will be placed on the brick wall to the right of the administration office door; A dead pine tree will be removed and oak tree limbs cut down that are encroaching on the gymnasium; A French drain is needed in the circular drive at the church entrance; The driveway in the parking lot has a very sharp turn, and needs to be widened for buses approaching the building.
 - g) **Social** – The chicken barbecue took place yesterday. The parish picnic is scheduled for 7/23/17. A Wine and Cheese following 4pm mass will be scheduled in September or October. These events were reported by Cynthia Karcher.
 - h) **Stewardship** – No report
 - i) **Youth Group** – Pat Podoletz has no report but Mary Haenig states that she is unsure how involved the Krugs will be in the program this coming year. The Religious Education program will be able to run Youth Group.
 - j) **Samaritan** – See attached reports for April and May 2017 projects, income and expenses, submitted by Susanna Tomlinson via Cecelia Bloom.
 - k) **Women's Group** – No report
 - l) **Adult Education** – Monsignor Becker reports that Adult Ed will resume in the fall and he would like to focus on the bible – specifically the books of the bible. Monsignor also states that he plans to be more involved in Religious Ed with high school students this fall. Father Dennis will be visiting our parish July 14-26 and will participate in our parish picnic.
6. **Date for next meeting – Sunday August 20, 2017 at 1:00 P.M.** at Pat and Sue Podoletz home, 942 Cedar Hollow Road, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. It will be a potluck family gathering.

7. **Adjournment**