



*St. John the Evangelist
Parish Pastoral Council Minutes
Monday, May 8, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.*

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

Members Present:

Msgr. Michael Becker	Fran Semelsberger	Diane Turcovsky	James Campbell
Mark Krepich	Cynthia Karcher	Wally Wargo	Heather Nackley
Cecelia Bloom	Debbie Johnson	Christopher Palazzi	Patrick Podoletz
Robert Olson			

Members Absent:

Mary Lee Madigan-Davis	Deacon Gene Neral	MaryAnn Mirobelli	Mary Haenig
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1. Prayer & Opening

2. Approval of minutes from last meeting

3. Old Business

- a) Parish council selections will be made on Sunday June 4, Pentecost. A list of 7 potential candidates was generated and presented to Monsignor Becker
- b) Angel Tree Program: A lengthy discussion resulted in a general consensus that without a replacement coordinator, our parish does not have the volunteers or time to continue the Angel Tree program. Chris Palazzi stated that he would like to see the program continue to operate within our parish. Mark Krepich will speak to Suzanne Tomlinson before the next meeting to see if she has found a person within our parish to take over the Angel Tree. If not, we will decide at the June meeting if Catholic Charities will be asked to take this over.
- c) Cecelia Bloom reports that Tyne Palazzi has agreed to purchase supplies, update and enter information in the Parish Family Album. It was generally agreed, after discussion, that Tyne should be reimbursed for her expenses.

4. New Business

- a) Council Binders: Mark Krepich requested that those council members finishing their terms pass on their binder to incoming members to ease transition.
- b) June 12th meeting will take place.
- c) Debbie Johnson reports that a few parishioners have asked why the Parish council meeting minutes have not been available in the gathering space. Mark Krepich agreed that they have not been placed in the last few months, but that they will be made available in the future. A synopsis will also be provided to Debbie Johnson for publication in the bulletin.
- d) Robo calls: It was generally agreed that council prefers those recording and sending out calls use a human voice, as opposed to a computer generated voice message.

5. Committee Reports

- a) **Religious Education** – Mary Haenig provided a written report (attached). Council members noted that Confirmation went well and First Communion (which occurred during mass) was well received. May Crowning and Vacation Bible School are upcoming events.
- b) **Family Life** – There will be a presentation open to the parish and public on 5/21/17 at 4pm in Father Bailey Hall titled Scams and Fraud. It will be presented by PA State Police Trooper Jeffery Petucci, Troop G.
- c) **Finance** – Tom is getting ready to schedule a meeting with the Director of Finance for the diocese. MaryAnn Mirobelli and Mark Krepich have talked and Mark reports that the census data base is being upgraded to a cloud based system. The system will incorporate ministry scheduling and will have the capability to manage religious education as well. Should be completed within the next 6 months.
- d) **Haiti** – Mary Lee Madigan Davis is currently in Haiti and sent a written report (attached). Recycling is being initiated, teacher bonuses were given on 4/27/17 and future trips are planned in November and January.
- e) **Liturgy** – First Holy Communion took place during mass on 4/30/17, and was well received. Bob Olson reports that he is trying to recruit and train adult servers for funeral masses. Discussion also indicates a need for altar servers of all ages for all masses.
- f) **Maintenance** – Monsignor reports that the front driveway circle drainage issue has not yet been repaired and is going to be a more involved project than previously thought. The church also sustained damage to the fascia over the doorway at the main entrance after a recent windstorm. Insurance has been contacted to see if it is covered under the policy. Diane Turcovsky also reports damage to the upper corner roof area and sidewalk entrance areas of Father Bailey Hall.
- g) **Social** – Cynthia Karcher reports that the Spring Fling was cancelled and will be replaced with Mardi Gras prior to Lent next year. The chicken barbecue is scheduled for 6/11/17. A Wine & Cheese is planned for late September or early October this fall. An Ugly Sweater party was also proposed.
- h) **Stewardship** – no report, other than collections are going well.
- i) **Youth Group** – no report
- j) **Samaritan** – Cecelia Bloom states that she wants to recognize the Veterans of our parish, and is thinking of doing so close to Veteran's Day in November.
- k) **Women's Group** – no report
- l) **Adult Education** – Monsignor Becker reports that there are 2 Adult Ed programs left: 5/14/17 and 5/21/17. The Lourdes program was well received. Monsignor also advised Council about Neumann Connection, a program that allows campus ministers to connect with the Catholic students on their campuses.

6. Date for next meeting – Monday, June 12, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

7. Adjournment

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REPORT – MAY 2017 MEETING

1. Finished another great year on April 23.
2. 17 students were confirmed on April 19
3. 14 students received First Communion on April 30th
4. May crowning is this Sunday. All children are invited to participate in the opening procession. First Communion children were asked to come in their communion outfits. All children will be given a long stem carnation for the procession and they will place the flowers in a vase in front of Mary.
5. A big push for Vacation Bible School, please spread the word. Ads were placed in many of the surrounding churches as well as in the *Catholic Register* and *Altoona Mirror*.

HAITI REPORT – MAY 2017 MEETING

Debbie Johnson was sent a breakdown of the funding for the teachers. I gave their bonuses to them on Thursday, April 27th. I will try to get a group picture for the gathering space. Father Banive is in contact with a small parish in Virginia which has recently resumed it's twinning with Ss. Peter and Paul. He will visit there in June. This could help with the daily budget.

Recycling is an ongoing project. It will require a couple years of education to change a mindset, just like in the U.S. in the 50's and 60's. We are thinking of giving a piece of candy for every bottle or 3 water bags brought in. Not so healthy but it is the ultimate incentive here.

I am hoping to have parish trips in November and January. Possibly, Father Banive can visit us after Easter.