



*St. John the Evangelist
Parish Pastoral Council Minutes
Monday, September 14, 2015 at 7:00 PM*

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

Members Present

Msgr. Michael Becker	Mark Krepich	Vanessa Donoughe	Heather Yasolsky
Ed Ergler	Debbie Ergler	Cynthia Karcher	Diane Turcovsky
Mary Haenig	Heather Nackley	Cecelia Bloom	Christopher Palazzi
Patrick Podoletz			

Members Absent

Paul Davis	Rev. Mr. Gene Neral	Tabatha Griffin
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1. **Prayer & Opening** – all members prayed the prayer for St. Johns' Parish Pastoral Council
2. **Approval of minutes from last meeting** - Diane Turkovsky moved to accept as printed, seconded by Vanessa Donoughe, all voted to accept.
3. **New Business:**
 - a) New committee liaisons volunteered their services:
 - i. Youth Group - Patrick Podoletz
 - ii. Social Committee - Cynthia Karcher
 - iii. Samaritan Committee - Cecelia Bloom
 - b) Mark announced that we were scheduling a commissioning rite at mass on Sunday, September 27th. Msgr. Becker said he would celebrate the rite at each mass that weekend. Please let Mark know which mass you will be attending.
 - c) Mark introduced new binders with updated information for parish council members. Please let Mark know of any committee information changes so that it can be updated and copied to all members.
4. **Old Business:**
 - a) Vanessa asked about the picnic date. She explained that we need to set a date so that it can reserved at the venue. Cynthia will call Mary Kay O'Connor and ask her to book Sunday, August 21, 2016 for Legion Park or somewhere relatively close to that. This is intended to be a school/parish picnic. the social committee to find a place that is closer. Back-to-school theme.
 - b) Diane asked for the minutes to put in the bulletin. Msgr. Becker suggested that to save making 500 copies of multiple pages we publish them online in our parish website and perhaps make a few dozen copies available near the parish council kiosk panel.
 - c) Heather Yasolsky recommended that the script program be managed by the parish rather than the school. Under the new plan each parish will pay to support the consolidated schools. The parish amount would NOT be determined by the number of student from each parish. Msgr. Becker explained how some diocesan assessments are determined. Ed asked why we support BG even though it now not part of the diocese. Heather Y. noted that we still support Catholic education as a parish.
5. **Committee reports:**
 - a) A. Religious Education - Mary Haenig reported that everything is ready to begin the classes next week. She would like to do a family activity. Heather N. hasa contact at JB Tree Farm that might be able to provide Christmas trees or evergreen branches for a wreath project at religious education.

School - Tabatha reported 88 pupils in school this year. Their theme is "Best Year Ever". Teachers are upbeat or at least trying to be for the students. Overall kids are doing okay. There is a movement to reintroduce the script program to the parish. We are still in need of funds to cover school costs. Mary asked Heather Y. to explain how works. The consensus was that it is important

to turn it over to the parish since we have fewer students and so less tuition income and so script is one way to offset the that loss. Heather Y. noted that Tabatha has been very supportive and positive about the whole situation. Heather Y. spoke about how the 2016-2017 school is supposed to be implemented. All fundraisers will be family oriented. Chris P. noted that we should find a way to keep Debbie Johnson at the parish even if she is not hired by the new consolidated school system. Msgr. Becker said that the existing staff shared with the school will remain afterward. Cynthia K. suggested if some teachers are not hired by the consolidated schools, we reach out our parishioners to see if any of them with businesses might be interested in hiring displaced teachers.

- b) Family Life Committee - no report of any activities or meetings over the summer
- c) Finance Council - Diane T. noted the finance council is supposed to approve all expenditures for events. Msgr. said he can approve smaller purchases. Committee members can ask him and he will evaluate it and involve Tom Weimer, president of the finance council, if the amount warranted it.
- d) Haiti - Mary Lee Madigan-Davis, committee chair, spoke about the situation in Haiti and of their projects. Fr. Banive is ill and needs to monitor his diet closely. He has a new assistant at the parish. Mary Lee wants to do small projects here for the Haiti parish. She suggested ideas they are working on. The scarf project is to recycle and upcycle inexpensive fabric. They are trying to find ideas for the Haitian women for fashions that could be sold here in the U.S.

Mary reported that a sea crate will be shipped to Haiti soon with the backpacks our parishioners have made for the school children. Ed E. offered corrugated boxes for packing those items. Mary Lee is planning a trip there in January with a group of our parishioners. She is looking for ways to keep the parish involved. She is considering taking over some of the fundraisers previously sponsored by the school.

- e) Liturgy - Mark reported that liturgy planning was done through Christmas. Our Advent penance service will be on Sunday, Dec 6th at 4:00 PM. Msgr. noted that the Catholic Near East Welfare Association will be here in October to present their mission and work among the refugees and persecuted Catholics of Syria, Iran, Jordan and other nearby countries.
- f) Maintenance - Everyone congratulated Ed on job well done for the island. Ed will contact Ken Dunmire to see if there are any other projects he needs help with.
- g) Social - no report
- h) Discipleship - Heather Y. will offer the Financial Peace program soon. She would like to start a program at Heartspace Wellness Alliance.
- i) Youth Group - no report
- j) Samaritan Committee - Suzanna Tomlinson provided a report that is appended to these minutes.
- k) Adult Education - Msgr. spoke about the new Bishop Robert Barron series -- Christ as Priest, Prophet and King. Chris P. suggested reaching out the parents of religious ed. students inviting them to adult ed. Chris mentioned that he would like to work on finding new and young families for the parish. Ed E. suggested that the parish pay a stipend for the religious ed. volunteer teachers and assistants. Heather Y. recommended hosting an appreciation dinner for them.
- l) Mary H. talked about the "Life Teen" program designed specifically for Catholic teenagers to provide an experience of spirituality and support. She would like to be able to start that program at some point. She noted that we were using a new confirmation preparation program called, "Chosen".

6. **Next Meeting** - Monday, October 12th at 7:00 PM in the gathering space.

7. **Adjournment** - Motion by Ed Ergler, seconded by Heather Y. All in favor.



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Samaritan Committee report: August 2015

Love Feast: Next feast is October 24, 2015. Currently looking for volunteers and food donations.

Saint John's Angel Tree dates are set for this year. Deliver will be on Friday December 11. Bulletin Announcements will be given to church by October 8th to gather food, volunteers and names of families to help.

St John's Charity Fund is able to help: Child in the school who is getting medical, (Set aside \$500, and paid \$220(May: \$150+June: \$70) with balance of \$280.) July we had utility bill \$161.90

In Summer we assisted two parishioners: One needed car repair (\$500) and the other needed help with gas bill (\$500).

Treasurer's Report: Collection on Second Sunday:

Total Second Sunday+ donations are: May \$668, June \$372, July \$552 = \$1,592.00

Expenses : \$1131.90 Charity Fund

 \$ 200.00 Love Feast

Savings : \$520.87

Checking \$160.10

Total is: \$680.97

Susanna Tomlinson