



St. John the Evangelist Parish Pastoral Council Minutes for November 10th, 2014

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
Ed Ergler- Maintenance
Vanessa Donoughe- Religious Education
Heather Yasolsky- Discipleship
Bill Stokan-Finance
Heather Nackley- Family Life
Ann Brown- Youth Group
Msgr. Mike Becker

Deacon Gene

Mary Petrak

Members Absent

Tabatha Griffin
Paul Dennis- Social
Diane Turcovsky- Finance
Paul Davis- Haiti Committee

Susanna opened the meeting with prayer.

Susanna introduced Mary Petrak to Parish Council to report on Religious Education.

Motion to approve minutes as corrected by Mark and 2nd by Heather

New Business: Corey Geishouser suggested that we rename the gym: Father Leo Bailey Hall. Father Bailey founded our parish. Bill S suggested a picture of Fr. Bailey for the gym. Bill made the motion and Heather 2nd, motion carried.

Due to lack of space for parish programs: Susanna suggested purchasing tables and chairs for Fr. Bailey Hall. Susanna will call Carnegie Company for a bid on 12 round tables and 8 chairs per table.

Old Business:

- Msgr. Becker was given permission to move forward with church changes. Msgr. Mazur and the Diocesan Committee approval to move our tabernacle. Overall the feedback from the parishioners has been positive. The Confessional Room will continue to need lighting. Carpeting will be installed in the entrance in December.
- 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.
- After much consideration we will continue to offer prayer for members of the parish through the prayer request book stationed in the gathering space.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Education- Religious Education: **Religious Ed.:** Mary Petrak reported 70 families in RE. 95 students k thru 11 enrolled Sunday morn. 19 BG students 9, 10 and 11 graders for Confirmation prep. Total students are 114. 8 RE teachers and 6 adults on Confirmation team. Curriculum for Confirmation is Matthew Kelly's "Decision Point".

Mary is proposing Family Classes, possibly one per month for next year. Mary will have a test class on December 21 re: Advent and Christmas.

Education- No report from Tabatha

Heather shared that all parents are trained on Script and Matt and Alicia Riley are doing an excellent job of running the Script Program.

- **Family Life** – Heather reported next September 2015 is family conference in Philadelphia that Pope Francis will attend. Perhaps 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** –Bill reported budget is going well and the finance committee will continue to get a clear sense of school's operations and the church operations. The school has been made an account cost to the church which will help us to understand cost effects.
- **Haiti** – No report: Msgr ask for prayer as the team was leaving November 11 for their annual trip.
- **Liturgy** –Mark reported Forty Hours went well. Penance Service scheduled for December 15th.
- **Maintenance** – Ed shared a comment on all who worked so hard putting a new fence around the air conditioner units. Carpet bid is in place for new carpet at entrance to church. Dan and Diane are working with the Baptismal Font. Ken tarred the roof and plastered walls in church.
- **Social** – No report. Heather suggested the new Truck and Treasurer at Halloween went well.
- **Discipleship**- Heather finished the 2nd Financial Peace workshop and website is in place. One issue is the cost of \$109. Tabatha suggested that if a family is receiving free or reduced lunch their fee will only be \$60. Heather will begin advertising for the next classes at Christmas time. Heather will also do a parenting class, "Scream Free Parenting" for St John's Families. The books for that class are \$13.
- **Youth**- Ann reported kids went to haunted house and will visit shut ins. Women will bake cookies for the kids to take with them.
- **Samaritan**- Susanna reported: September and October 2014
Next 2014 Love Feast of October 25, 2014 was cancelled due to a calendar malfunction. 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 is organized for November 14 to December 12. We will work with no more than 25 families. Total balance is accounts: Savings at \$1120.85 and Checking at \$2357.53. Susanna requested sending out checks for \$300 to area agencies. Motion by Ed and 2nd by Heather. Susann will send out checks after Christmas.
- **Adult Ed**- Msgr. shared a new program, sponsored by the Ecumenical Conference on November 18th called Pope Francis: His witness and Our Response, which will be held at St John's. All are encouraged to attend.
- **St John's Art Program**: Susanna mentioned that Allan Capriotti will display his next painting in the gathering space before it goes up for display.

Adjourn at 8:15 by Ed and seconded by Paul D

The next Parish Council meeting will be January 12th 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

Submitted by Debbie and Susanna