



**St. John the Evangelist  
Parish Pastoral Council  
Minutes for September 9, 2013**  
*Quorum-two-thirds of the Parish Council were present*

**Members Present**

Bill Stoken-Finance  
Susanna Tomlinson- President and Samaritan  
Mark Krepich- Liturgy  
Dorothy Yingling- Discipleship  
Debbie Ergler- Secretary and School  
Ed Ergler- Maintenance  
Dave Andrews- Vice President, Family Life  
Vanessa Donoughe- Religious Education  
Ann Brown- Youth Group  
Jerry Rentz- Haiti

Msgr. Mike Becker  
Deacon Gene  
Tabatha Griffin

**Members Absent**

Karen Monghemer- Finance  
Paul Dennis- Social

Susanna opened the meeting with prayer. Introductions were made and new members were welcomed. Pictures of new Parish Council members were taken by Cora and will be posted on the kiosk. Susanna and Lindsay will prepare new Directories for 2013-2014 year and pass them out at our next meeting.

Motion to approve minutes as sent by Bill and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark

Appointment of new members: Vanessa to Education Committee  
Dave to Family Life and Vice President  
Ed to Maintenance  
Debbie to Secretary and liaison for Tabatha and the school

**Old Business:** Msgr. gave an update from Our Sunday Visitor's program: *Grateful Giving, Joyful Living*

- On line giving is near 100 parishioners
- Robo calls have helped give parishioners new information
- Jo Ann Semko will do the first witness talk September 21,22
- Tabatha, Vanessa and Jane Adams will arrange for 21,22 children to be involved September 21,22 to collect commitment cards.
- Msgr. shared information about our tax status and the cost of the Sunday Visitor program.
  
- **Living Your Strengths** classes began on September 4 with 9 members.
- St. John's will have a Forty Hours prior to Love Feast on October 26, 2013
- Susanna reminded the council that we want to appoint youth to the council. Vanessa and Tabatha will look for two youth to serve.

**New Business:** Msgr. made a motion to rename the Day Chapel to Pope John XXIII Chapel. Susanna second and the motion was unanimously passed.

Members of the church have approached Council regarding the paintings that Allan Capriotti is doing for the church and how we as a parish could compensate him for his supplies. Msgr made a suggestion to offer parishioners the ability to donate a stipend to have each work in honor or memory of a loved one. Jerry put the suggestion in the form of a motion, seconded by Ed. The motion was carried. Msgr. will approach Allan with our idea.

Mark would like to encourage candidates in RCIA to join in parish life prior to Easter. Tabatha suggested having a member family be assigned to each one. Dave will talk to Dee about our suggestion and any new ideas that will connect RCIA members to activities within the parish.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Education- Religious Ed** – Vanessa reported the differences in Religious Education this year and how St John’s will work to unify CCD guidelines across the diocese.

**School**- Tabatha reported enrollment at 113. Tuition increased \$180 to meet rising cost. Tabatha has signed up four new businesses that support St John’s through EITC. Tabatha shared how students in need for tuition support are chosen. Security upgrades were completed, new water heater was installed. Classrooms all have White Boards and Kindles are now available for student use. Pre-K sub is available who is fully certified and a part time aide in Pre K has been a great help.

Fundraising continues for the school and Lakemont Festival made \$4000. 10% of the festival funds will go to Haiti School. The school is planning a cultural fundraiser in April 2014 and a Script Kickoff in October 2013.

**Family Life** – No report

**Finance** – Msgr. shared the information on the recent mailing that describes the budget for 2013-2014 and the expenses from 2012-2013.

**Haiti** – Jerry shared that more information from Haiti is being reported in the bulletin. The committee is looking for new members. The next project is clean water filtration system.

**Liturgy** – Msgr. reported on a Diocesan program, Leave The Lights On, that all parishes will participate in. Catholics will be invited to the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St John’s on September 22, at 5:00PM.

**Maintenance** – Ed will look into what we need to have the front doors of the church refinished prior to winter.

**Social** – No report

**Discipleship**- Patsy is calling all RCIA members from the last 20 years to check on their status. Dorothy will stay in contact with Patsy.

**Youth Group**- No report.

**Samaritan**- Susanna reported: **St John’s Charity Fund** Monsignor requested \$500 in Sheetz and Giant Eagle gift cards for those who call him in need.

**Saint John’s Angel Tree** date for 2013 are set: the Angel Tree will go up on November 17 for those who want to shop on Black Friday. December 13<sup>th</sup> will be our delivery day. This will give us 10 days to prepare the church for the Christmas.

Treasurer’s Report:

August Second Sunday	\$ 461.00
September Second Sunday	\$ 429.00
Expenses: Monsignor/Gift Cards	\$ 500.00
Checking: September balance	\$1,511.85
Savings:	<u>\$1,112.60</u>
Total is:	\$2,624.45

The next Parish Council meeting will be **October 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm in the Church Gathering space. If you can’t make it please call the office.**

Note: Council Meeting was postponed until November.

Submitted by Debbie Ergler