



*St. John the Evangelist
Parish Council Minutes
Monday, February 12th, 2018 7:00 PM*

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

Members Present:

Msgr. Michael Becker	Patrick Podoletz	James Campbell	Robert Olson
Cecelia Bloom	Christopher Palazzi	Carolyn Fye	Christopher Ringkamp
Michael Greslick	Patrick Schurr	Deacon Gene Neral	Debbie Johnson
Fran Semelsberger			

Members Absent:

Cynthia Karcher	Mary Ann Mirobelli	Wally Wargo	Mary Haenig
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1. Prayer & Opening

The meeting opened at 7:00 with our traditional opening prayer

2. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Bob Olson motioned to approve minutes from our previous meeting, Jim Campbell seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved by all present.

3. Old Business:

a) **Mardi Gras Party**

The Mardi Gras party was a great success. There were almost 70 people signed up to attend. Unfortunately, a final count of people wasn't made, but there were at least 60 people in attendance. The king and queen this year is Allen and Dee Capriotti. Much thanks to everyone involved with making this event successful each year, especially to Joan Price for getting us started.

b) **Diocesan Renewal Program (Arise)**

An introduction meeting was held recently and was attended by several church members and parish council members. There will be a meeting soon to determine who our team leaders will be and to plan out the next steps. The schedule for the next round of diocesan level meetings will be coming in the next few weeks.

c) **Catholic School Assessment**

A concern was expressed to the diocese that we were overbilled for the catholic school assessment. We are still waiting to hear back; there has been no word on when we may hear something.



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4. New Business:

a) Parish Pastoral Plan

As mentioned in previous meetings, we would like to explore the idea of a pastoral plan. This would involve the council to lay out a plan for what we'd like to accomplish in the years to come. Monsignor and Chris R. worked to prepare a presentation for this meeting. This presentation and discussion was based on the 5 models of the church as laid out by Avery Cardinal Dulles.

Each of these 5 models offers insight to WHO we are as a parish and they each highlight and underscore a vital aspect of the church. After each of the 5 models were explained, the council then broke out in to mini groups to talk about what was covered. The council explored which of the models is most apparent in our parish and which of the models needs the most work in our parish.

In short, these 5 models are described as:

- Herald

The herald model emphasizes on faith and proclamation over interpersonal relations and mystical communion. The church is a herald – one who receives a message and passes it on. In this model, it is shown that it is the task of the church to proclaim.

- Mystical Body / Communion

The church consists of people of faith united by their common participation in God's spirit through Christ. It is a communion of people, expressed by external bonds of creed, worship and ecclesiastical fellowship. The strength of this model lies in an emphasis on a shared lift of mutual fellowship in a loving community.

- Institution

With this model, the church is defined primarily in terms of its visible structures, and especially the rights and powers of its hierarchy. The church government is not a democracy or representative, but hierarchical and consultative. There is order, unity and consistency of teaching throughout the institution.

- Sacrament

In this model, the church is a sacrament; a sign and transmitter of God's presence. The church transmits God's grace within a community. These



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sacraments are never individual transaction, but they are to be celebrated within the community.

- Servant

The servant model shows that the church is part of the total human family; sharing the same concerns as the rest of mankind. We realize that the needs of the world are our needs; this is based on the ministry of Jesus who was a man who served others. The church carries on this mission by seeking to serve the world. The strength of this model lies in an emphasis on serving others, not the church's own self interest.

5. Committee reports:

Rather than spending a large chunk of parish council meetings reviewing each of the committee reports, this month it was decided to try something different. Each committee liaison was tasked to submit their reports ahead of time. Each council member was then tasked to review these reports before meeting. If any specific questions arise, there was still time to address any during the council meeting. This format seems to be well received, and we will continue with this format.

The committee reports will now come as a separate attachment on parish council minutes.

6. Date for next meeting – Monday, March 12, 2018 at 7:00 PM

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Religious Education (Mary Haenig)

Religious education is going well. We have a busy spring ahead. 11 students will be making their First Holy Communion. They will begin attending the 11am Mass as a class during Lent. It's important for the congregation to see our students and to have the students become active participants in the Mass.

On Sunday, March 18 our high school students will present the "Living Stations of the Cross" in the gym at 9:30 a.m. The whole parish is invited.

Family Life (Carolyn Fye)

Finance (James Campbell)

Haiti (Chris Palazzi)

Mary Lee Davis spoke this weekend after masses. There will be an insert in the bulletin about our student sponsorship campaign.

The veterinarians helped 600 animals, working with a great team of vet techs begun by Dr. Matt Stachmus nine years ago and now well trained by both him and Dr. Shawn Orczeck. Shawn and Matt received donations of 270 New Testaments with Psalms in Creole. They also had more money which was used to purchase 65 bibles in Creole while we were in Port-au-Prince. The amazing part of this is that Ss. Peter and Paul's theme this year is the study of the bible. This was not known by Shawn and Matt. The bibles were just something they had been trying to do.

I had about 80 string bags not yet strung already down there. I was finally able to get the right size string from Ollie's and Fathers Banive and Kenley (assistant) and I finished the project for the students. Some school supplies were given, including flashcards and puzzles in math.

Thanks to Father Kenley's involvement with the school he was able to help me get photos of the 20 poorest students to begin our sponsorship campaign. We need a stable budget for the school.

Upcoming: solar grid contributions and possible visit from Father Banive in April. Next trip will not be until Fall of 2018.

Dears Friends,

Best wishes from Saints Peter & Paul parish of Marmont. On behalf of the parishioners of the parish, I take pleasure in greeting you and thanking you for all the help rendered by you to keep running the mission of the Catholic Church in the community of Marmont, Diocese of Hinche, Haiti.

We would like to express a special thank you to Msgr. Michael, to Mary Lee and all the members of the parish Council for your constant and generous continuous supports.

We would like to thank everyone at the Church of St. John the Evangelical for every single part played in order to keep alive the Mission of the Church at Marmont.

We would be grateful to you ever for your kindness and I assure you of our sincere and humble prayers.

From the bottom of the heart, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year 2018.

May your family be blessed with health, joy, peace and love from the Father above. In Jesus Christ our Savior,

Father Banive Peralte

Liturgy (Bob Olson)

The Liturgy Committee met Saturday morning, January 20 at 10 a.m. Debbie Johnson provided an agenda outline. By the time this report is made to parish council, the following activity will have been historical:

1. A review of all activities since our last meeting on November 18: the purpose of this meeting—which was limited because of several members not being present—was to review our upcoming Advent/Christmas activities.
2. A review of our Advent/Christmas activities: to discuss what went well; what needed review.
3. A discussion of the Arise program that is up-coming in the diocese. It was noted that several members volunteered to become group leaders in implementing this program in our parish. An orientation meeting was held at St. Catherine's parish in Duncansville on Thursday, January 25 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Additional material will be available on the parish and diocesan websites.
4. February 4: Religious Ed students will have celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
5. Sign-ups for Lenten small study groups will begin Saturday and Sunday, February 3 & 4, and will begin meeting on or after Sunday, February 11 (prior to Ash Wednesday).

Upcoming events include:

6. Ash Wednesday, February 14: Liturgy at 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. with Soup Supper to follow.
7. Stations of the Cross: each Friday during Lent at 7 p.m. with Scripture study to follow, beginning February 16.
8. Rice Bowls will again be available for parishioner use during Lent.

The plexiglass cross will be displayed in the Gathering Space for collection of money from Rice Bowls during Lent.

9. Living Stations of the Cross will be celebrated Sunday, March 18, at 9:30 a.m.
10. Second Sunday of Lent, February 25:
 - a. "Discover the Church" will be held after the Saturday evening Mass with supper to follow.
 - b. Our Lenten Penance Service will be held at 4 p.m. with visiting priests assisting.

Note: The bulletin will carry extra times for Penance Services in the area, as well as additional times in our parish.

11. Third Sunday of Lent, March 3 & 4 weekend: a “Food for the Poor” priest will be here to tell us about this ministry.
12. Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 18: statues, processional cross, and other devotional items will be covered.
13. Palm Sunday, March 25: Palm Sunday with Year “B” readings.
14. Chrism Mass, Monday, March 26, at the Cathedral where Barb Bundy and Bob Olson will receive the oils on behalf of the parish.
15. Tuesday, March 27: the lectors who will serve at Tenebrae will meet at 7 p.m. for a quick practice.
16. Wednesday, March 28: Tenebrae will be celebrated in the parish at 7:30 p.m.
17. Holy Thursday
 - a. The Baptismal font will be emptied in the morning.
 - b. Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m.
 - c. Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7 p.m. with Procession of the Oils and Washing of feet
 - d. Adoration in the Day Chapel will follow Mass and end at 10 p.m.
18. Good Friday
 - a. Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m.
 - b. Stations and Meditations will be held at 12 noon
 - c. Observance of the Lord’s Passion at 7 p.m.
- 19 Holy Saturday
 - a. Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m.
 - a. Lector rehearsal at 10 a.m.
 - b. Server rehearsal at 11 a.m.
 - c. Blessing of Easter baskets at 12 noon
 - d. Vigil Mass at 8:30 p.m.
19. Easter Sunday: Masses at 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Additional notes

Lector training will be offered in the first two weeks of March
The Funeral team members have finally received their albs.

Maintenance (Wally Wargo)

Social (Cynthia Karcher)

Stewardship (Cecelia Bloom)

Youth Group (Patrick Podoletz)

Samaritan (Cecelia Bloom)

Love Feast:

Susanna will issue a check for \$100.00 to cover any extra cost.

St John's Charity Fund Project:

We assisted a family with utility bills, food and travel expenses to Pittsburgh. The father has a rare blood disorder and is off work. Assistance is being denied at this time.

Treasurer's Report:

Collection on Second Sunday

Income:

Second Sunday January \$722.00

Expenses:

Penelec 255.84

Peoples 153.99

Scrip 200.00 (100.00 gas cards for trip to Pittsburgh, 100.00 food cards)

Total 609.83

Balances:

Savings 1220.90

Checking 1349.87

Total 2570.77

Check

491 St John's Scrip \$200.00

492 Penelec 255.84

493 Peoples 153.99

Women's' Group (Cecelia Bloom)

Past/Ongoing Projects & Events

Teen Shelter:

The collection of new socks & hoodies for the Teen Shelter continues.

This has been published in the bulletin, and there is a bin in the gathering space for donations.

Response has been very good.

Loane Maier took some of the donations to the shelter, was given a tour of the facility, received their thanks, and was told "We love St John's".

Game Night:

Was held Monday evening Feb 5th, in the Parish Center.

Eight women gathered, ate, talked, laughed, and played "Apples to Apples".

New Projects & Events

Pysanky Egg Class:

Will be held Saturday Feb 17th, 10:00-3:00.

There is information on this in the Feb 11th bulletin.

Adult Education (Msgr. Becker)