

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

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

Members Present:

Msgr. Michael Becker	Patrick Podoletz	Robert Olson	Fran Semelsberger
Cecelia Bloom	Wally Wargo	Michael Greslick	Christopher Ringkamp
Mary Haenig	Patrick Schurr	Debbie Johnson	

Members Absent:

James Campbell	Mary Ann Mirobelli	Christopher Palazzi	Cynthia Karcher
Deacon Gene Neral	Carolyn Fye		

1. Prayer & Opening

The meeting opened at 7:01 with our traditional opening prayer

2. Approval of minutes from last meeting

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

3. Old Business:

a) **Love Feast**

Our most recent love feast saw many volunteers with a lot of newer people. A great deal of food was served to many people. Council would like to commend Joyce and her team for a job well done. The next love feast will be held on June 9.

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

We recently had a meeting about the program. The meeting wasn't particularly well attended. There is not yet a parish coordinator but there is an immediate need to have someone fill this position. The next diocese wide meeting is on March 13; this meeting will be attended by 6 people from our parish. Our leadership team will need to do a lot of front end work in the coming weeks and months. The program officially kicks off in September/October.

c) **Finance Meeting**



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A finance council meeting was held recently. We are still behind with the Holy Trinity payments; but we're still hoping for an adjustment on our yearly assessment. Our assessment has come down recently, but we still feel it to be rather high.

There is a potential matching grant coming up with news coming to the parishioners in mass next weekend.

Mary Ann is preparing a quarterly financial statement for the bulletin; with the hopes of it being published in the coming weeks.

d) Various Items from Previous Meetings

- Curve Baseball – We plan on organizing a church trip to a Curve baseball game during the June 17th faith night. Patrick has volunteered to sell the tickets in the gathering space after the June 3 and June 10 weekend masses. Monsignor will be exploring the idea of having tee shirts / hats / bracelets made for the event.
- We are still looking for a calligrapher. There is someone that could potentially be used and will be contacted soon. We should have a report back by next meeting;
- We are still looking for Scrip Volunteers.
- We are will looking for a chairperson for the family life committee. We are still doing the work and having events, but a coordinator is still needed.

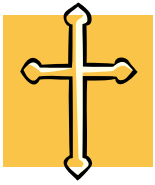
4. New Business:

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. After last month's discussion on the 5 models of the church, we thought that it would be appropriate to review the parish mission statement to be sure that it aligns with the new insights gained through our previous discussions.

The idea of leaving our mission statement as it is and develop a "vision" statement as a rolling plan moving forward.

Council reviewed each line items of the mission statement, if any, required more attention. Our mission statement is as follows:



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"We, the Community of Saint John the Evangelist, Lakemont, Altoona, Pennsylvania exist:

- 1) To worship God, Our Father, His Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit in communion with the Bishop of Altoona-Johnstown and the Bishop of Rome, as a parish committed to our Catholic faith.
- 2) To provide an atmosphere of compassionate acceptance in which the spiritual life of each member of the Body of Christ will be nurtured.
- 3) To strengthen, support, and educate our families throughout their lives.
- 4) To utilize the gifts and talents of every parishioner in service to evangelization of the greater community in the spirit of our patron, Saint John the Evangelist.
- 5) To be a community of faith, hope, and love, encouraging others to share our vision and welcoming them into our fellowship."

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, April 9, 2018 at 7:00 PM

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.