

*St. John the Evangelist
Parish Council Minutes
Monday, April 9th, 2018 7:00 PM*

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

Members Present:

Msgr. Michael Becker	Patrick Podoletz	Robert Olson	Fram Semelsberger
Deacon Gene Neral	Wally Wargo	Michael Greslick	Christopher Ringkamp
Mary Haenig	Patrick Schurr	James Campbell	Cynthia Karcher

Members Absent:

Carolyn Fye	Mary Ann Mirobelli	Christopher Palazzi	Cecelia Blom
Debbie Johnson			

1. Prayer & Opening

The meeting opened at 7:03 with our traditional opening prayer

2. Approval of minutes from last meeting

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

3. Old Business:

a) **Diocesan Renewal Program (Arise)**

The is still not a committee leader for this program. There is a meeting coming up soon (4/10) and hopefully by the end of that meeting a leader will be assigned. 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.

b) **Family Life**

Patrick Podoletz has found a representative to lead this committee. Patrick will also be volunteering as the co-chair when his presidential term is up on parish council.

c) **Curve Baseball Game**



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We can't sell tickets to parishioners as we had originally planned. The Curve front offices wants the ticket packages to be paid in full two weeks in advance. The new plan is to put a flyer in the bulletin, make a few announcements and have a sign up sheet on the kiosk in the gathering space. Once there is a final count, we can order the tickets and pay for them. Tickets will be distributed before and after masses on June 3 and 10. Currently, section 206 is reserved for us.

4. New Business:

a) Preparing for Active Threats in a Religious Venue

The Logan Township Police Department, along with the Department of Homeland Security is make a presentation on steps that churches can take to prepare for an active threat event. Bob Olson and Heather Yaslosky will be attending this presentation. There will be more to come at the next council meeting, and we'll talk about the findings a determine what steps need to be taken to prepare ourselves for this type of threat.

b) Name Tag Sunday

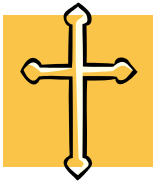
Since Father Benive is visiting us from Haiti this weekend, we thought it would be a good idea to have a "Name Tag Sunday" this coming week. Along with helping Father Benive, this gives us all a chance to "put a face to the name". We will have name tags at the entrance of church before all masses.

c) Parish Council Membership

Fran, Cynthia, Chris P., and Cecelia will be finishing their terms this spring. We will be reaching out to parishioners in the bulletin for nominations. We would also like to have a youth representative to parish council. This would ideally be a senior high student who would like a more active role in their parish life.

d) Rating our Mission Statement

The website "Amazing Parish" will be a great resource for us while we strive to find out who we are and who we want to be in the coming years. We are considering polling our parishioners to find out what they like about our church, what it is that sets us apart from others. We will be forming a subcommittee on parish council to formulate questions to poll the parishioners with. Each council member has homework for the next meeting; we will each come formulate our own questions



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that we would like to ask each parishioner and then pick "the best of the best". Once we know exactly what it is that we'd like to get from the members, we will present them to the church in some form that is to be determined. We can use mail, email, paw cards, etc.)

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.

In addition to the committee reports, a few notes were brought up during the meeting.

- The Samaritan Committee is requesting council approval to give \$300 each to 8 different food bank agencies in the area. This money comes from the donations collected during the second Sunday food drive. Council approved this measure.
- The Womens group recently donated \$400 is pizza gift cards for movie nights at the teen shelter. As requested, they have successfully collected sweatshirts for the teen shelter; and are now working on jeans. There has been, and will continue to be, a blurb in the bulletin about this new project.

6. Date for next meeting – Monday, May 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.