



*St. John the Evangelist  
Parish Council Minutes  
Monday, February 11, 2018 7:00 PM*

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

**Members Present:**

Msgr. Michael Becker	Patrick Podoletz	Patrick Schurr	Robert Olson
Debbie Johnson	Claudia Anderson	Marilyn Bevin	Christopher Ringkamp
Betty Dennis	James Campbell	Michael Greslick	

**Members Absent:**

Deacon Gene Neral	Mary Ann Mirobelli	Wally Wargo	Carolyn Fye
Fran Semelsberger			

**1. Prayer & Opening**

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

**2. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

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

**3. Old Business:**

a) **Parishioner Survey**

A new survey has been created and shared with parish council. We will take these surveys home and digest them over the next month and compile our thoughts to Patrick before the next meeting.

b) **Restore, Repair, Rejoice Campaign Updates**

The flyers and envelopes have been stuffed and are ready for distribution to parishioners, hopefully this coming weekend. Chris Ringkamp will be speaking after all the masses this coming weekend and has asked parish council members to help pass out envelopes and be available for any questions that might arise; the display billboard will also be available for everyone to see.

So far, we have received a total of \$80,000 in commitments, which accounts for about 30% of our goal. After Easter, there will be a follow up mailing sent to all parishioners who have not responded to the campaign.



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**c) 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Planning is under way for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. A few parishioners have already stepped up and volunteered to be on a committee for the celebration. We expect that most of the funds for these celebrations will come from the social committee budget. As a homework assignment, parish council members will be brainstorming ideas for this celebration and will bring their ideas back to the table to discuss at the next meeting. We would also like to have an open invitation for the next meeting for anyone that would like to express their own ideas for this celebration.

**4. New Business:**

**a) Ministry Reports**

In addition to the pre-submitted reports:

- The Women's Group added that they will be participating in the "All Soles" project to collect boots and other footwear and the "Toasty Toddler" program to collect warm winter clothing to children up to age 5.
- Family Life has a movie night coming up; popcorn and hotdogs will be provided.
- There is a Liturgy meeting this coming Saturday, 2/16
- The next Love Feast is scheduled for April
- The next season of ARISE starts after Ash Wednesday
- Mardi Gras carnival for Youth Group is coming up in two weeks

**b) Haiti**

Mary Lee gave a presentation after mass two weeks ago about the current state of affairs in Haiti. Mary Lee would like to raise \$15,000 for solar panels but would like to find a place to get this money from without having to ask, considering the current Restore, Repair, Rejoice campaign. For now, we've decided to put this project on hold before it gets funding. We'd like some more information on the project as some concern has been expressed about upkeep, security and potential future costs.

**c) Resignation**

Dan Langenbacher has turned in his parish council resignation and it was accepted by all members present.



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**d) Social Committee Liaison**

Because of Dan's resignation, we are looking for a new social committee liaison. Betty is already the lead of the social committee, so she will act as the liaison as well.

**e) Amazon Smile**

Michael Greslick brought the idea of a new fundraising opportunity to parish council. Amazon Smile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices and shopping features as the regular Amazon website. The only difference is that when you shop with Amazon Smile, the Amazon Smile Foundation automatically donates 0.5% of the purchase of eligible products to an organization of your choice. Michael will have more information to share at the next meeting.

**f) Council Report in Bulletin**

We are currently considering having a quick note in the bulletin covering what was talked about after each parish council meeting. Additionally, a week or two before each council meeting, we'd like to add a quick blurb reminding parishioners to express their concerns or ideas so that they can be talked about at the next meeting.

**5. Date for next meeting – Monday, March 11, 2019 at 7:00 PM**

**6. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.