



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

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

**Members Present:**

Msgr. Michael Becker	Deacon Gene Neral	Patrick Podoletz	James Campbell
Fran Semelsberger	Wally Wargo	Debbie Johnson	Christopher Ringkamp
Michael Greslick	Claudia Anderson	Robert Olson	Patrick Schurr

**Members Absent:**

Mary Ann Mirobelli	Marilyn Bevin	Betty Dennis	Carolyn Fye
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**1. Prayer & Opening**

The meeting opened at 7:04 with our traditional opening prayer

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

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

**3. Old Business:**

a) **Parishioner Survey**

The final copy of the parishioner survey has been completed and distributed to council. We have decided to reword the question about the daily mass times as this should be left up to those who attend daily mass, or would benefit from a time change. The question about volunteering will also be reworded to be more open ended.

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

We have received 53 gifts (10% of registered households) and pledges equaling \$109,250 as of March 7<sup>th</sup>. This is 44% of our end goal. Chris Ringkamp spoke at masses on February 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>; at that time pledge cards and brochures were distributed. A mailing for those parishioners who have not yet responded will be sent the week after Easter.

c) **Emergency Action Plan**

We are going to be submitting our Emergency Action Plan to local responders such as the State Police, Logan Township Police, and the Lakemont Fire Company. Should they get back with us on with any feedback or suggestions for improvement, we will revise the Action Plan accordingly. During a future



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hospitality minister gather, we hope to share the Action Plan with them as well as review the safety features of the church (AED, fire alarms, emergency exits, etc).

**d) Amazon Smile**

We recently explored the idea of using Amazon Smile as an additional fundraiser for the parish. Amazon Smile donates 0.5% of each purchase price to a foundation of your choice; we determined that small of a would result in a very small amount of money coming to the church and that overhead and hassle of administering an additional source of income would outweigh the potential benefits.

**e) Open Topics**

Following each Parish Council meeting, the secretary will now do a simple review and submit it to the office for inclusion in the next bulletin.

Bob Olson has brought up the Holy Trinity payment issue that has plagued us for years. We still feel as though we are being required to pay more than our fair share. Not much has changed from the diocesan end and we will still be assessed as the current level.

**4. New Business:**

**a) Brainstorming 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ideas**

Our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary is officially July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. The celebration will probably begin in the previous fall and last through the entire year. We've brainstormed a number of different ideas about how we can celebrate:

- Contact Bishop Mark and schedule an anniversary celebration mass, preferably in June 2021
- This Sunday mass will include a social gathering afterwards
- The Social Committee has been setting money aside to fund this party
- Formation of an Anniversary Committee and Chairperson
- Anniversary Silk banner purchased and displayed all year
- Breakfast between masses
- Anniversary Cake social after masses
- Provide parishioners with a commemorative ornament, mug, or some other trinket
- Collect recipes and sell a cookbook



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- Memorial / Museum in the Gathering Space
- Booklet / Yearbook
- Special Focus in Religious Education
  - Focus on Parish Family and significance of anniversary
- School Alumni Reunion
- Parish Homecoming Mass / Reception
- Special Music

**b) Open Topics**

Because there will be two new members in the church after Easter, we thought it would be a good idea to have a “Name Tag Sunday”; this will happen the weekend of April 27-28.

The idea was brought up to have a yard sale / flea market in the gym. We could potentially be doing this as a simple fundraiser on the weekend of May 18<sup>th</sup>. We would “sell” spaces / tables to anyone interested in setting up; we could also provide simple food items like hot dogs / hamburgers.

**5. Date for next meeting – Monday, April 8th, 2019 at 7:00 PM**

**6. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.