



*St. John the Evangelist  
Parish Council Minutes  
Monday, June 10, 2019 7:00 PM*

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

**Roll Call (Checked = Present):**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Msgr. Michael Becker	<input type="checkbox"/> Deacon Gene Neral	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patrick Podoletz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> James Campbell
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fran Semelsberger	<input type="checkbox"/> Wally Wargo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debbie Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Ringkamp
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Greslick	<input type="checkbox"/> Claudia Anderson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Olson	<input type="checkbox"/> Patrick Schurr
<input type="checkbox"/> Mary Ann Mirobelli	<input type="checkbox"/> Marilyn Bevin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Betty Dennis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Fye

**1. Prayer & Opening**

The meeting opened at 7:05 p.m. with our traditional opening prayer.

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

James Campbell made a motion to approve minutes from our previous meeting, Fran Semelsberger seconded that motion. The minutes were passed unanimously by all present.

**3. Old Business:**

**a) Carnations**

Carnations were sold after the Mother's Day masses. A total of \$377 was collected; proceeds will be used to benefit the youth programs in our parish.

**b) Church Picnic**

Planning for the church picnic is well under way. We will be having the picnic at Legion Park on July 21; the deposit has been paid. There is a current push for more help.

**c) Curve Tickets**

Curve tickets have been purchased and most (all but 4) have been sold. If there is a need for more tickets though, we can certainly purchase more.

**d) Community Outreach – Bob Olson**

Bob has experienced an outreach program at another church in eastern Pennsylvania. The idea was to have a community day where members of the church participated in some sort of community outreach.

The purpose was to show that the group is involved in the community. The youth group did a car wash to benefit a local youth shelter. One group went to



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volunteer at a nursing home, another at a veteran's hospital.

Bob has reached out to the person that is in charge of this program and has had great contact back and forth. Over the summer months, we will think about this topic and return refreshed with new idea.

**4. New Business:**

**a) New Parish Council Members**

We will welcome our new parish council members in the fall: Dave Andrews, Susan Podoletz, Kristina Hoyne, Wendy Campbell, and Heather Yaslosky

**b) Survey Results**

In order to get a detailed picture of where we would like to place our efforts in the coming years, we completed survey to collect the thoughts of the parishioners that we represent. The three most popular responses of each question are listed (i.e., the percentages may not add up to 100% as not all answers are represented here):

- What attracted you to be a member Saint John's parish?  
31% - Church community  
28% - Closeness to home  
20% - Music ministry
- What is Saint John's greatest strength?  
36% - Warm and welcoming  
24% - Music ministry  
15% - Relevant, thought out homilies
- What is Saint John's greatest weakness?  
34% - Outreach to younger families  
23% - Youth programming  
14% - Lack of intergenerational activities
- What can Saint John's do to be more open in the community?  
39% - Saint John's does an admirable job in the community  
30% - Family gatherings for any occasion  
20% - Weekly / monthly activities for the elderly



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- What is the best way to inform you of volunteer opportunities?  
48% - Bulletin  
18% - E-mail  
17% - Personal invitation
- What should the parish priorities be for the years ahead?  
44% - Focus on youth and young families  
24% - Continue with programs like *ARISE!*  
16% - Build a solid volunteer base
- Would you consider attending daily Mass if it started at 8:00?  
71% - No  
24% - Yes  
5% - Maybe

**c) Farewell to Council Members**

A huge thank you goes to our exiting parish council members, Patrick Podoletz, James Campbell, Robert Olson, Fran Semelsberger, and Wally Wargo.

**d) Monsignor – Special Topics**

- Back room in the gym will now be one central storage location for religious education materials
- Finance council has met and shared their budget for the year; Monsignor shared that budget with council members.

**5. Date for next meeting – September 9, 2019**

**6. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.