



*St. John the Evangelist
Parish Council Minutes
Monday, November 11, 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 type="checkbox"/> Debbie Johnson	<input type="checkbox"/> Jena Bowman
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Fye	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Greslick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christopher Ringkamp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patrick Schurr
<input type="checkbox"/> Claudia Anderson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marilyn Bevin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Betty Dennis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dave Andrews
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wendy Campbell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kristina Hoyne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sue Podoletz	<input type="checkbox"/> Heather Yasolsky

1. Prayer & Opening

The meeting opened at 7:02 p.m. with our traditional opening prayer.

2. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Dave Andrews made a motion to approve minutes from our previous meeting, Sue Podoletz seconded that motion. The minutes were passed unanimously by all present.

3. Old Business:

a) New Committee: Parish 100th Anniversary

This committee has been formed and is moving forward to begin brainstorming and planning all of the events to celebrate our 100th Anniversary. The first meeting will likely happen after the beginning of the year.

b) Parish Calendar of Activities

A meeting was held over the summer to coordinate everything that is going on in the parish over the next year. This meeting included representatives from parish council as well as anyone involved with committees that have events throughout the year. The intended focus of this meeting was to lay out the schedule of events (as best as could be done) for the entirety of the year so that there is clear direction and less chance for confusion or “double booking.”

c) Emergency Action Plan

We recently had meeting (October 13th) to discuss the Emergency Action Plan with any interested parishioners. The meeting was well attended and we received some great feedback and had useful discussion with those present. We are especially grateful to the Logan Township Police Department and Trooper Shea Stayer who was able to be present for this meeting. Chris Ringkamp reached out to UMPC Altoona Foundation to try and get a “Stop the Bleed” trauma kit. They are able to help us out but want people to be trained in the use



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of stop the bleed kits before they donate one. Betty Dennis has offered to donate a first aid kit.

4. New Business:

a) Monsignor Becker – Abuse Victim Outreach

Monsignor and Chris had spoken a while ago about reaching out to abuse victims. The difficulty in helping those who have been abused is that we don't know who they are, and we are not sure that we have an effective means to help them. All things considered, we will help those who may reach out to the best of our abilities, but will not actively pursue this much further.

b) “Divine Renovation”

Fr. James Mallon, known for his work with parish renewal and evangelization, has published a book titled Divine Renovation. This book explores ways that churches can come to a renewed parish life and engage entire communities in their mission. All parish council members have been given a copy of Divine Renovation. Before next meeting, council members have been asked to review the book as much as they can as it will likely be a topic of discussion for meetings in the future.

5. Date for next meeting – December 9, 2019 at 7:00 PM

6. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.