

St. John Evangelist Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2018, 6:30 pm

Present: Father Joe, Matt Meyer, Molly Holzrichter, Susan Vavra, Jim Beine, Steve Webster. Scott Miesfeldt, Lori Udovich
Excused: Jill Ladwig, Lynn Justinger

- I. Opening Prayer & Reflection: Led by Matt Meyer
- II. Review and approve 2/27/18 PC Agenda: Susan Vavra moved to approve the agenda, Matt Meyer seconded motion. Agenda approved with amendment to reflect rescheduled meeting date.
- III. Review and approve 1/16/18 PC Minutes: Scott Misfeldt moved to approve. Steve Webster seconded motion. Minutes approved.
- IV. Human Concerns Committee Report: Sharon Reilly, committee chairperson, provided us with a summary of what is happening in her committee:
 - Food Pantry-puts together schedule of volunteers in July
 - Meal Ministry-provide meals-currently serving two parishioners
 - Jail Ministry-Sharon goes to the jail once a week and is currently working with one woman. Any women interested in joining Sharon in this ministry should contact her.
 - Good Shepard Meal-RE students make the meal, freeze it and take it the following week.
 - Emmaus Meals-Two a year at the Salvation Army
 - Lenten Almsgiving Initiative- Rose Home Green Bay/Human Trafficking
 - Mt. Meru Coffee-Sales to date just under \$10,000, given back to the farmers
 - Easter Baskets-SJE will be asking RE students for donations
 - Warming Shelter-five people served, three people volunteered from SJE
- V. Finance Council Report: Steve Webster reported:
 - SJE-Contributions good, budget also looking good
 - Holy Name Society-Money has been carried over for several years. Input was to keep the money as designated. With the St. Anne's Society becoming more active we hope there will be interest in resurrecting the Holy Name Society.
 - There are questions regarding the budget and the separation of the Religious Education program and related expenses between the two parishes. Father Joe suggested the council make a list inquiring about how this was done.
- VI. Committee Liaisons Reports
 - A. Religious Education Committee-Steve Webster
 - Religious Education Committee Meetings: Two Meetings-One SJE only and one joint with BT. SJE will meet every month, SJE will meet with BT every other month
 - BT is hiring a technology person. SJE can use their service on a chargeback basis.
 - Two People at each parish responsible for updating parish Facebook page: SJE-Jen Vallo and Nicole Wittwer, BT-Chris Briggs and Lynn Walvoort
 - Father Joe commented that the BT Pastoral Council has initiated the process of finding youth representatives. He encouraged us to do the same and would like to see one young lady and one young man on the council. It was decided that Scott will be our council representative to speak with the 10th and 11th grade RE classes about this opportunity.
 - Father Joe also mentioned that Chris Briggs reported that there's five students from each parish signed up for Catholic Heart Work Camp. Several students from St. John the Baptist would like to join the group and Father said this is fine as long as they pay all their expenses and have their chaperones attend.
 - B. Stewardship/Welcoming Committee-Susan Vavra

- Susan reported that things are going well. She invited council members to participate in greeting before Mass. Father commented on how beautiful it is to see families greeting and welcoming at church-wonderful!

VII. Secretary Report:

- Currently an open position. Responsibilities include taking notes, guest book follow up notes, suggestion box. Susan said she could help with guest book and suggestion box. Lori Udovich will take on the Secretary role and Susan will assist her.
- Susan reported that there were two suggestions in the box. We discussed putting an announcement in the bulletin thanking parishioners for their suggestions and letting them know all comments are reviewed by the PC and we value your comments/suggestions.

VIII. Old Business

- A. Pending Issues Status : We are still in need of a Vice Chair. There was no interest by members in attendance so Molly will follow up with the absent members. Vice Chair Responsibilities include running meeting in Chair's absence, projects and possible representation at Deanery Meetings. We will be discerning for three positions. Qualifications include being a registered adult member of the parish and not related to any church employee.
- B. Parish Survey Results: Molly indicated she and Patty Langel are looking for another council member to assist with the survey re-cap. How do we disseminate this information to parishioners? Suggestions: letter to inactive parishioners, bulletin announcement, annual parish meeting, presentation

I. New Business

- A. Chairperson Update-appointments to complete open PC terms: Molly has been reaching out to possible interested parishioners. Discernment is scheduled in May.
- B. Holy Thursday Feet Washing: Steve Webster and Susan Vavra volunteered.

II. Pastor's Comments

Father Joe had four points to make:

- He would like to suggest that the children decorate Easter Eggs at church.
- Hymn Books-Zach will obtain two samples to review. We are currently very limited with our music choices. We will pay for them through donations made in memory of living and deceased members.
- Altar-concern that it is too small. The Property & Maintenance Committee is researching options to increase the size.
- Father Joe mentioned possibly reviewing the Sunday Mass times

Prayer Assignment for April meeting: Lori Udovich

Respectfully submitted:

Lori Udovich