

**St. John Evangelist Annual Parish Meeting
Sunday, September 24, 2017 following 9:00 am Mass**

Attendance: 42

Pastoral/Finance Council members present: Fr. Joseph Dominic, Liz Fehling (FC), Molly Holzrichter (PC), Gerald Loth (FC), Patty Langel (PC), Matthew Meyer (PC/FC), Scott Misfeldt (Trustee), Kent Saemann (FC), Lori Udovich (PC)

Pastoral/Finance Council members excused: Jim Beine (Trustee), Lynn Justinger (PC), Jill Ladwig (PC), Dale Neil (PC), Margaret Suralik (FC), Susan Vavra (PC), Steve Webster (PC/FC)

Staff present: Carol Benishek, Chris Briggs, Emily Briggs, Dave Hart, Julie Minter, Zach Holzer

I. Welcome & Introduction: Gerry Loth, Finance Council chairperson, welcomed those in attendance. He explained that the Annual Parish Meeting is the Annual Corporate Meeting of the parish. The Finance Council is responsible for planning and presenting information.

II. Opening Prayer: Led by Fr. Joe

III. Review of June 26, 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes: Copies were available at the meeting. There were no questions or revisions.

IV. Finance Council Report:

A. Financials for year ended June 30, 2017: Gerry Loth reviewed the financial report for the fiscal year July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017. Expenses remained nearly the same as the previous fiscal year; however, contributions were down. Funds from memorial contributions were used to cover designated spending. Gerry on behalf of the Finance Council asked parishioners to consider increasing their parish contributions by 5% if possible. A quarterly financial report will be published in the bulletin for the 2017-18 fiscal year, so parishioners are updated regularly.

B. Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018: Gerry reviewed the new budget which is based on increased giving. Questions were asked regarding shared program expenses with Blessed Trinity Parish and the number of staff members for Religious Education and Youth Ministry. The St. John's Finance Council will be meeting with the Blessed Trinity Finance Council in October so that St. John's has a voice in the joint ministry expenses. Questions were asked about efforts to increase parish membership; the Parish Survey results and comments may help the parish achieve that goal. The Pastoral Council is reviewing results and will be communicating survey comments/suggestions with committee chairpersons.

V. Director of the Catholic Life Center Report: Julie Minter is mindful of the concern about shared programming expenses. She works hard to be a good steward of parish funds. Her number one goal is to increase Catholic Life Center visibility at St. John's. Programs focus on adult education and activities while being emphasizing community building. She provided a hand-out of scheduled activities. Programming attendance by parish:

	2016	2017
St. John Evangelist	308	296
Blessed Trinity	1043	1200
Other Parishes	84	194

VI. Director of Youth/Young Adult Ministry Report: Chris Briggs explained that Youth/Young Adult program details are included in the committee booklet available to parishioners. The breakdown of High School Religious Education students enrolled in the program for 2016-17 by parish:

	Blessed Trinity	St. John Evangelist	Other
Grade 9	21	13	1
Grade 10	10	12	2
Grade 11	27	9	2
Total	58	34	5

2017 Catholic Heart Work Camp Students: 9 (5 from Blessed Trinity, 3 from St. John's, 1 other parish) The CHWC restricted account is held at Blessed Trinity Parish. Chris was asked if the St. John's Finance Council receives information on the account balance since this is joint parish programming and did he know the current balance. He will get information to include in the minutes. (Update: The Catholic Heart Work Camp account balance as of 8/1/17 is \$6,385.71.)

Catholic Underground (programming for adults ages 18-39): held twice per month at the Lodge, Sheboygan Falls and is shared with Sheboygan County parishes; averages 15 participants.

VII. Director of Religious Education Report: Emily Briggs reported the number of students enrolled in the Religious Education Program (grades K-8) for 2016-17 by parish:

	Blessed Trinity	St. John Evangelist	Other
K	4	4	0
Grade 1	10	11	1
Grade 2	9	10	1
Grade 3	11	13	2
Grade 4	10	13	1
Grade 5	13	12	2
Grade 6	24	11	2
Grade 7	20	15	3
Grade 8	13	13	0
Total	114	102	12

In addition to weekly classes and sacramental preparation for First Communion, catechist training was offered, Children's Liturgy of the Word during the school year, Vacation Bible School was offered at Blessed Trinity Parish, service projects, religious education fundraising at the Sheboygan Falls Ducktona, new RE curriculum and family fun programming (Welcome Back Picnic and Family Fall Festival). Goals for the next year include increasing Vacation Bible School attendance and volunteers, increase the number of substitute catechists, encourage young family Mass attendance and to add intergenerational programming.

VIII. Question & Answer: Addressed during individual presentations.

VIII. Remarks & Closing Prayer: Fr. Joe thanked Gerry Loth for leading the meeting, the Pastoral/Finance Councils and trustees for their good work and all in attendance for coming to the meeting.

Respectfully submitted:



Carol Benishek