

## St. John Evangelist Pastoral Council Meeting

September 18, 2018: 6:30 pm

**Present:** Fr Joe Dominic, Suzie Barrock, Patty Langel, Matt Meyer, Lynn Miller, Bill Rutten, Lori Udovich, Evan Udovich (Student Representative), Susan Vavra, Audrey Waitkus, Tony Yetzer

**Absent:** Lynn Justinger, Scott Misfeldt

**Guests:** Jeanne Bitkers, Steve Kovacs, Jen Vallo, Phil Waitkus

- I. **Opening Prayer and Reflection** Bill Rutten
- II. **Review and Approve** ( Matt M 2<sup>nd</sup> Lynn M) 9/18/18 PC Agenda Approved
- III. **Review and Approve** (Lynn J 2<sup>nd</sup> Lori) 8/30/18 PC Minutes Approved  
3 revisions were made before approval: 1. A questionnaire has been put together to explore what various activities should be considered for 2018/19. 2. Suzie Barrock was nominated to the PC. She will be the liaison to the Joint Evangelization/Joint Parish Activities Committee. 3. Matt Meyer will be a "floating" liaison to assist other liaisons.
- IV. **Financial Council Report** No report from the committee. (Bill Rutten)
- V. **Committee Liaison Reports** St Anne's. Lori shared that the committee is collecting feminine care products for those in the US eastern flood areas. Donations can be placed in the Meeting Place. On September 16th St Anne's held a brunch and an in-house retreat. Good response to all.

Jen Vallo shared the Confirmation Class held an in-house retreat on Sunday, Sept 16th. Parents/Sponsors/Friends exchanged "Love" Letters with participants.

September 16 Sunday honored those who will teach our religious education classes. Patty shared it was a beautiful Mass, including the Blessing, Certificates and Prayer Cards. Norma Horne is the new RE chair.

Jeanne Bitkers reported that 3 Safe Environment Education Classes were taught at St Johns in Kohler & Plymouth. Over 40 adults attended.

Oct 3rd: Service Project Fall Clean up Date. Clean up will start at 5:30 with the Rosary to follow.

VI. **Secretary Report** Susan indicated that there were no registered visitors or suggestions.

### VII. **Old Business**

A. Schedule Committee Reports to the PC: RE to report in October

**Motion:** The remaining schedule will be set up by Carol (Jt meeting in Nov; no meeting in December) The second presentation will be at the January meeting. (Lynn M) 2<sup>nd</sup> (Lori) Approved

B. December 1, 2018. "Festival of Lights" Parade Float

**Motion:** Approval of Jim O'Neill's email request:

1. Mass schedule handouts with Christmas Masses and regular Masses for both parishes listed.

2. Banner & Sign "Combined Catholic Communities of St. John Evangelist, Kohler, and Blessed Trinity, Sheboygan Falls"

3. Permission to register as joint event - submit waiver of liability

(Lynn M)

2nd (Bill)

Approved

VIII. **New Business** Faith in Our Future Proposal: Strategic and Effective Parish Communication presented by Steve Kovacs and Patty Langel.

Objective: Provide solutions to address the lack of modern communication ability within St John Evangelist Parish community and the lack of effective, online parish presence.

Recommendation: Faith in our Future Committee recommends that the former St John Evangelist website, developed by Steve Kovacs, be re-activated and updated with more parish content and added functionality in order to serve as a central hub for comprehensive parish communication and online parish presence. The committee recommends that Steve Kovacs server as website Administrator in order to ensure that the website is kept up to date and properly maintained. The committee also recommends that Faith in Our Future funds be used for the pilot year to fully develop the website functionality and to support website administration. At the end of the first year, an analysis would be provided to the parish for website and maintenance costs going forward in consideration of the annual parish budget.

After four years of utilizing the joint program format, St. John Evangelist determined that the joint format lacked long-term viability due to costs/budget pressure, and due to parishioner preferences for different program offerings on our parish campus. Upon review of the current joint website, information is no longer accurate, is not up to date, and lacks functionality to meet our current and future parish community needs.

Fr. Joe requested the decision should be tabled until he could reflect and take a closer look at the alternatives.

IX. **Pastor's Comments**. Fr Joe thanked everyone for their hard work. He reminded us the importance of increasing numbers and bringing back members who left the parish.

X. **Opening Prayer Assignment for 10/16/18 Meeting**

Lori Udovich

XI. **Closing Prayer**

Fr Joe

Respectfully Submitted by

Susan Vavra

Secretary