

St. John's Pastoral Council Meeting-January 15,2019

Present: Father Joseph Dominic, Patty Langel, Audrey Waitkus, Matt Meyer, Lynn Justinger, Bill Rutten, Tony Yetzer, Suzie Barrock, Lynn Miller and Lori Udovich

Excused: Susan Vavra, Scott Misfeldt and Evan Udovich

I. Opening Prayer and Reflection: Audrey Waitkus

II. Review and Approve 1/15/19 PC Agenda

Matt Meyer moved to approve the agenda and Suzie Barrock seconded the motion.

III. Review and approve 10/23/18 PC Minutes

Bill Rutten moved to approve the 10/23/18 minutes and Lynn Justinger seconded the motion.

IV. Review and approve 11/27/18 JT PC Minutes

Bill Rutten moved to approve the 11/27/18 Joint PC Minutes and Matt Meyer seconded the motion.

V. Finance Council Report

Bill Rutten didn't have anything to report but indicated the next Finance Council Meeting is scheduled for the end of January.

VI. Committee Liaison Report

Stewardship Committee-Audrey Waitkus

The Family Welcome Committee has welcomed 9 new families with a phone call, visit and basket. The greeter schedule for weekend masses is filled through the end of January.

Catholic Life Center- Lynn Miller

Joint Evangelization-Suzie Barrock

Suzie indicated that fifty mailings went out to households in the St. John's neighborhood with magnets that have the mass schedule on them.

Religious Education-Patty Langel

Elementary News

Susan Vavra will be leading our puppet ministry/project for the youth of our parish. Susan has an extensive background in drama and theater and will be an asset to the religious education program.

The Village Ecumenical Walk was held in early December and St. John's participation included the Angel Choir with 30 participants from our parish. A big thank you to Suzie Barrock, Gena Gebler and Patty Langel for their organizational efforts as well as to Norma Horn for sharing her talent on the organ.

Currently we have 12 second graders preparing for reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

We are still in need of a fourth grade catechist and adult nursery volunteers. Please contact Jeanne Bitkers to volunteer.

Middle School/High School News

The Middle and High School students participated in a community service project of assembling 80 hygiene bags and making several blankets that were then donated to local charities. Additionally, they sent Christmas cards to veterans and the staff of St. John the Evangelist.

There were several issues regarding this year's mission trip. Lack of chaperones, driving large vans and a departure time of 3:00 a.m. Due to these issues we had several families who had to make the difficult decision to not participate. These families had paid and help raise funds for this trip. After careful and thoughtful review of this information the RE Committee recommended that these families receive a refund. It was approved, and Patty will follow up. Since BT and SJE have separate programs now, it was also recommended that SJE manage an in-house summer mission fundraising account because the SJE YM program will be looking at a number of camp options, and also new fundraising ideas. It was approved, and Patty will follow up regarding the current joint fundraising fund with BT.

Our new RE Coordinators at SJE and BT will be working with the other Sheboygan County Catholic Parishes to offer a collaborative mission trip experience. They will be looking at hiring a bus and driver to provide transportation for this trip.

The coordinators will also be looking at local opportunities for those who would like to participate in an experience closer to home.

VII. Secretary Report-Lori Udovich (filling in for Susan Vavra)

A. Suggestion Box/Guest Register/Correspondence

Several guests have signed in our guest registry since our last meeting. We had one guest who signed in over the holidays visiting from Hong Kong. We had a few comments in the suggestion box complimenting the Angel Choir, the children's participation at the Christmas Eve Mass and the beautiful music at St. John's. We also had a request for Father Joe to bless the children at the altar prior to them leaving for the children's liturgy.

VIII. Old Business

A. Faith in Our Future Parish Communication Update-Steve Kovacs

Steve gave the council an overview of the progress regarding BT/SJE website. The updated website will have unique identities.

IX. New Business

A. BT Directory Idea from Jim O'Neill-Patty/Matt

B. Parish Data Sheet

These items were tabled to the February Meeting for further discussion due to time constraints.

X. Pastor's Comments

Father Joe expressed his gratitude for the village caroling and evangelization. He was also pleased to share that the new hymnals have arrived.

This year's First Holy Communion will be held at the 9:00 Mass. There will not be a separate mass as in previous years. There will be reserved pews for the families of the First Communicants.

Father Joe will be gone for three weeks in February. He will be leaving for India on February 5th and returning on February 28th.

XI. Opening Prayer for February 19, 2019 Meeting- Tony Yetzer

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Udovich

Pastoral Council Member

XII. Closing Prayer-Father Joe

