

St. John the Evangelist
Pastoral Parish Council Agenda
January 15, 2020
(following 6:00 mass)

In attendance: Ryan Hogan, Fr. Brian, Lynn Barfield, Sheryl Dasinger, Beverly Kindley, Kathy Register, Deacon Nate Swann, Nerma Dave, James Dunleavy, Fr. Jason Adams, Carl Horst, Steve Findley, Kevin Berkel, Deacon Pete Falkenhausen, Laura Hanna, Lee Crosby, Tony Drake, Sr. Nuala Mulleady, and Heidi Gonzalez.

Opening Prayer-6:41

I. Approval of Minutes – November 20, 2019

Kathy motioned to approve. Kevin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Committee Reports

Note: Committee Reports already submitted and read before the meeting will be open for questions if needed. Any reports not submitted in advance may be given at the meeting.

- A. Buildings & Maintenance (Tony Drake)
- B. CCW (Sheryl Dasinger)
- C. Finance (Steve Findlay)
- D. School Youth Ministry (Penny & Daniel Storey)*
- E. Hispanic Pastoral Assistance (Cesar Reyes)
- F. Long Range Planning (Mike Savoie)
- G. Meals Committee (N/A)
- H. Newman Center (Alison Linder) ***verbal report from Fr. Jason***
- I. Parish Life (Tony Barfield)
- J. Pro-Life (Sheryl Dasinger)
- K. RCIA (Paul Worth)*
- L. Religious Education (Susan Kramer)*
- M. St. Francis Center (Sr. Nuala Mulleady)
- N. San Jose (Cesar Reyes)
- O. School (Vito Pelliteri)
- P. Stewardship (Lee Crosby) ***verbal report***

*Indicates Quarterly Reports

Heidi asked if there were discussions on the written reports and there was not.

Meal Committee: Ryan gave an update on the new direction of the meal committee. He said in the past there was a focus on only funerals and bereavement but there was an interest in expanding the focus to encompass other critical times in our parishioners' lives. Ryan said that he reached out to the former committee members to see if there was interest in continuing to serve on the committee and if anyone wanted to take the leadership role. He said there was a great response from the committee to continue to serve but no one wanted to take the leadership

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role. Ryan said he and his wife Micha felt called to lead the committee and they would assume the role.

Stewardship: Lee said the Annual Appeal will be announced this coming weekend. He said our parish will be part of that presentation. The commitment for this will be on Feb. 8/9. He said the formation of the faith sharing groups are coming together and those should be in the church in 2 weeks. He said he is looking for more leaders.

Newman Center: Fr. Jason said the Annual Appeal also supports the new full-time staff member, Alison Linder. He said she is very outgoing to help increase participation in the Newman Center and increase awareness about the Catholic presence at VSU. Fr. Jason reminded the council that Alison's role is strictly to support the Newman Center at VSU and it was not part of her responsibilities to take on a role within our parish.

Theology on Tap: Fr. Jason shared that he and Ryan Hogan were looking to bring back Theology on Tap for those in their 20/30/40's. Since Lee was looking for more leaders for the faith sharing groups, Fr. Jason and Ryan thought it would be a great opportunity to start a group and then transform it into Theology on Tap. Ryan said he had secured a location, Jack's Chophouse, to host the faith sharing group.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Security Update – Jim & Ryan

Jim said there was a shooting at a church in Texas and he voiced his continue concern to ensure St. John's is protected and safe.

B. Formed Update – Deacon Pete

Deacon Pete shared ideas on how to promote this during the masses as well as talk about it with parishioners during doughnuts/coffee. Lynn said Formed supplied monthly inserts for the bulletin to keep parish informed that she would start including. There was also discussion on how to talk about this program in terms that the parish would understand. Tony Drake said that it is basically "Netflix for Catholics" and everyone agreed this was an accurate description.

C. Parish Mission (January 25) – Lynn Barfield

Lynn provided an update on Gus Lloyd's upcoming visit to the parish. She said there was a small committee, lead by Lynn, made up of both school and parish members that were coordinating all of the logistics. She said everyone was working together well and hoped to have a great turnout.

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IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Fall 2020 Parish Mission - Heidi
- a. Need to book soon.
 - b. Lent 2021 soon after.
 - c. Discussion on topics/format.

Tony suggested Fr. Longnecker, Alan Hunt (Dynamic Catholic), Tim Stapleton, and others for everyone to consider. There was discussion on the need to book someone soon because dates for people like this can fill up quickly.

- B. Nominating Committee-Heidi
- a. Need to start planning soon.

Beverly said she will help lead the committee. Ryan & Mark said they would help her.

- C. Décor Committee – Mark
- a. Looking at updating bathrooms.

Mark shared that the décor committee was looking at making updates around the parish which included updates to the bathrooms. There were discussions regarding funding these projects.

- D. First Responder's Breakfast – Fr. Brian

Fr. Brian said when he was making plans for the year, he had a discussion with the knights to have a prayer breakfast for the first responders potentially on May 9???

Upcoming Calendar Dates: For parish and school

- January 18th—Chili Supper canceled due to so many events taking place
- January 18th—March for Life in St. Augustine
- January 22nd—Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children / “Baby Shower” for Options Now
- Adoration at 4pm, Mass at 6pm, “Baby Shower” in the Parish Center follows Mass
- January 25th—Day of Renewal Conference with Gus Lloyd
- January 26th – February 1st –Catholic Schools Week

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- February 1st—Pinewood Derby
- February 2nd—Candlemas
- February 5th—Hispanic Ministry Concert (7:30pm in the Church)
- February 9th—NET Ministries Confirmation Retreat
- February 22nd—REVERSE DRAW School Fundraiser/Dinner Dance
- February 26th—ASH WEDNESDAY
- February 28th—Fish Fry

VI. Priests Comments-Fr. Brian LaBurt

Fr. Brian expressed interest for our parish to become more of a leader with the pro-life efforts in our community. He also thought we need to know more about what “Birthright” is doing with the money that they are given. In a recent report he received, it was not clear how many people that were helped. Beverly gave a brief history of Birthright and how it first came to Valdosta. Nerma asked if we could have someone from Birthright. Fr. Brian suggested to have something in the bulletin saying the difference between Birthright and Options Now.

Carl Horst asked to be recognized to speak about the speaker system. He said the upgrade was not working as well as we had hoped. He wanted to bring it to the council’s attention. Mark said he would follow up with this.

VII. Closing Prayer-7:47 p.m.