

St. John the Evangelist
Pastoral Parish Council Agenda
October 23, 2019
(following 6:00 mass)

In attendance: Fr. Brian LaBurt, Lynn Barfield, Susan Kramer, Sheryl Dasinger, Beverly Kindley, Cesar Reyes, James Dunleavy, Lee Crosby, Vito Pelliteri, Kathy Register, Fr. Jason Adams, Deacon Nate Swann, Sr. Nuala Mulleady, Lee Crosby, Steve Findlay, Ryan Hogan, & Mark Ellis (by phone).

Opening Prayer 6:45 Ryan called the meeting to order and asked Fr. Brian to start the meeting with an opening prayer.

I. Approval of Minutes – September 18, 2019

Since there was not a quorum, it was decided to approve the September minutes in November.

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 (Linda Monetti)
- H. Newman Center (Lynette Kenworthy)
- 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

Stewardship Update: Lee shared that he was nervous coming into the Stewardship weekend because it happened to be a time when many people were out of town. He thought that Deacon Harold Burke-Seavers was a big reason that many people come to the fair. Lee said 43 people filled out the interest card about different ministries. He said most people indicated interest in 2 or even 3 different ministries. He acknowledged that many people from different people came together to help make the fair successful. He also thanked Tony Barfield for everything he did to help make the event successful. Beverly asked if Stewardship had any interest and he said his ministry got 1. Other committee leaders commented that they got a 1 or 2 interested new

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members. Sr. Nuala wanted to thank Lee for having the pamphlet in the pews. She thought they were very effective. Tony thought the food and the ways the Priests promoted it helped with attendance. Fr. Brian added that he wanted to use things like this to specifically focus on how we are reaching out to the parish.

Finance Committee Addition to Report: Steve said there was a \$15,000 deficit which he attributed to towards maintenance. Steve said 2701 Berkley which was the sister's home has been sold for \$163,000 but we netted \$147,000. 2406 Berkley (north to the rectory) is under contract and is at the diocese for inspection. The selling price was \$120,000. He expects the closing will be mid-December. Kathy asked about what we were doing with the excess funds from the sales. Kathy thought we should reinvest it back into physical renovations to the church especially the bathrooms.

- A. Stewardship: A Disciple's Response –Fr. Brian
 - a. Revisit topic, specifically discuss how are we reaching out to our parish.
 - i. Home bound
 - ii. Meal Committee

Kathy suggested doing something more often than just funerals. Lynn shared that some parishioners have volunteered to write notes to home bound. There was discussion about repurposing the "meal committee" to focus on new births or other things our parishioners might need. There was unanimous agreement that the committee needed a leader. Ryan suggested someone talk to Linda Monetti to see if she wanted to lead this group again.

- B. Security Update – Ryan Hogan
 - a. Sgt. Heidi Browning to lead seminar on December 7 @ 2:00 p.m.
 - i. Tentative Location is the Maturi Room
 - ii. Discussion on ways to promote. Volunteer to lead this?

Ryan informed the council that a date and location has been secured. He also gave an update from Heidi's call with Officer Hancock (refer to September minutes). Ryan suggested that someone on the council needed to lead the promotion of this workshop and specifically contact different ministries. Jim Dunleavy volunteered to lead this effort.

- C. Formed Update – Ryan Hogan
 - a. Discussion on ways to promote this closer to the holidays (families spending time at home)

Ryan brought back up that Formed membership had been purchased. He suggested that, instead of just posting something in the bulletin, since the holidays were coming up was there a way to really show our parishioners how great this software is. There was discussion from various

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members about different options. Deacon Pete had some ideas to promote this and he would give an update at the November meeting.

D. Music Update – Ryan Hogan & Penny Storey

Penny recently got back from the Vigil Project in Dixon, Tennessee. She said this was the first year this happened and there were 50 people there. She said there was no cable or internet connection so she was really forced to focus on why she was there. She shared a video called “what makes the church beautiful”. Penny shared the many ways she benefited from the retreat. She was really able to focus her talents and how she is going to facilitate these gifts to enhance the mass for our parish. At her retreat, it was shared about how many churches were dealing with divisions between traditional and contemporary. She admitted that our church has been struggling with this but she felt like she was put into this parish to help heal those divisions. Also during the retreat, Penny was able to co-write a song with an Argentinian couple. She brought back a vast amount of information that she is eager to share with our parish.

E. Trunk or Treat Update – Ryan Hogan

Ryan passed out some information that Micha Hogan had sent out regarding the upcoming Trunk or Treat. He shared that there were over 20 people registered but most of them were school families. He said that he thought more parishioners would be involved next year if there were pictures taken so they can see what a “trunk or treat” looks like.

F. Confession Options -Fr. Brian

Fr. Brian said he was still exploring ways to offer confession to the parish. He said that he recently spoke with Susan Kramer to tie it into the Religious Education schedule.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Parish & School Relations – Fr. Brian

Fr. Brian wanted to encourage a discussion about the Parish and the School to continue to bridge any gaps. There was discussions from the council on ways the school could be more cognizant of the parish in regards to classroom spaces and scheduling. There were also discussions from the council that we should do our best to stop looking at them as 2 separate entities and as one. Ryan suggested that we continue to have a member from the parish and a member from the school to help plan any activities; this way both areas are informed and encouraged to participate.

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B. Post-Event Discussion on Recent Parish Mission – Ryan Hogan

The overall consensus was it was very positive. It was suggested to continue to do things like this.

C. Parish Conference (January 25) – Lynn Barfield

Lynn brought up the idea for a one-day conference with Gus Lloyd. Agenda for November meeting.

Upcoming Calendar Dates: For parish and school

- **School Road Race/Trunk or Treat**-October 26
- **All Saints Day**-November 1
- **All Souls Day**-November 2
- **End of Life Planning Seminar**-November 2
- **Blessing of Graves**-November 2
- **Georgia Right to Life Presentation**-November 3
- **Diocesan Jr. Youth Conference**-Saturday, November 9
- **Options Now Walk for Life**-Saturday, November 9
- **Black Catholic Ministry Reception** (following 5pm Mass)-November 16
- **Pack Meeting**-November 20
- **High School CYM (Indianapolis)**-November 21-24
- **Advent Penance Service**-December 3
- **Breakfast with Santa**-December 7
- **School Band Concert**-December 10
- **Guadalupe Celebration**-December 12
- **Patron Saint Celebration**-December 18
- **Nativity of the Lord**-December 25
- **Solemnity of Mary**-January 1
- **Epiphany Celebration**-January 5
- **Chili Supper**-January 18
- **Gus Lloyd Conference**-January 25

VI. Priests Comments-Fr. Brian LaBurt

Fr. Brian wanted to talk about a trajectory since he has been here. He has decided to be more vocal and pro-active regarding pro-life options. He has a goal of sending two buses to the next event in St. Augustine. He would also like to see more evangelization towards becoming a more

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pro-life parish. He wanted to be clear, that the Birth Right ministry is not something that is being put on the back burner. He feels like it is equally as important.

VII. Closing Prayer-Ryan asked Fr. Brian to lead a closing prayer at 7:58 p.m.