

St. John the Evangelist
Pastoral Parish Council Agenda
November 20, 2019
(following 6:00 mass)

In attendance: Ryan Hogan, Fr. Brian, Lynn Barfield, Kathy Register, Beverly Kindley, Laura Hanna, Jim Dunleavy, Vito Pelliteri., Kevin Berkel, Steve Findley, Pete Falkenhausen, Fr. Jason Adams, Deacon Nate Swann, Lee Crosby, Tony Drake, Sheryl Dasinger, Cesar Reyes, Sr. Nuala, & Heidi Gonzalez.

Opening Prayer -Heidi called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Heidi asked everyone to keep in mind that we are going to try and keep our meetings to end no later than 8:00. She also mentioned that it was our goal to make sure we worked through the agenda together in a positive way that would benefit our St. John's community.

I. Approval of Minutes – September 18, 2019 & October 23, 2019

September Minutes-Steve motioned to approve the minutes and Sr. Nuala seconded to approve them. All voted in favor.

October Minutes-Jim motioned to approve and Steve seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

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)

*Indicates Quarterly Reports

Heidi asked if there were any discussions for the reports that were any discussions and there were not.

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III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Stewardship: A Disciple's Response (Update) – Heidi & Lynn
 - a. Revisit topic, specifically discuss how are we reaching out to our parish.
 - i. Home bound
 - ii. Meal Committee

Lynn reported on the home bound initiative and there were parishioners interested in writing cards to the home bound. She said she would continue to work with everyone involved.

Heidi gave update on the meal committee. She said the committee would need new leadership Lynn suggested revamping it. Beverly suggested that we post something in the bulletin to look for new members. Ryan said he would send out an email to existing members to see whom wanted to stay active and if there was anyone willing to lead the committee.

- B. Security Update – Jim & Ryan
 - a. Sgt. Heidi Browning to lead seminar on December 7 @ 2:00 p.m. (Maturi Room)
 - b. Safety & Security Sub-Committee

Jim gave an update on Sgt. Browning's upcoming seminar. Then Ryan gave more information about the formation of a Safety Sub-Committee lead by Jim that would advise Fr. Brian and the Parish Council on best practices on safety procedures and security concerns.

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

Lynn sent around a flyer and said we really should describe it like "Netflix for Catholics". Pete gave an idea of promoting it during coffee and donuts. Fr. Jason suggested making it as a gift to the parish during Christmas and talk about it then.

- D. Trunk or Treat Update (Update) – Vito

Vito said this was a big success and that it was more community than expected. He said they were looking forward to next year.

Steve asked Heidi if he could give an update to one of his previously mentioned agenda items.

He said the purchase of the home had been cancelled because Paul Nott (from the diocese) said there needed to be \$40-50,000 in repairs when the asking price was \$120,000. Steve said the money that was earned from the sale of the sisters' home on Berkley would be used towards renovations of the church. Fr. Brian said he would like to look at the survey and use that as a

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guide to what needs to be done. Beverly offered being debt was not always a bad thing and it could mean that there was progress happening in the Parish. Fr. Brian asked everyone to keep in mind the new renovations to the Parish Center, the sound system, décor, and other items that had already been completed.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Parish Conference (January 25) – Lynn

Lynn said a small committee was assembled to handle the logistics. She would provide more information as we got closer to date.

B. December Meeting – Heidi a. December 18

Heidi let everyone know that we were planning to have a social for our December meeting but since there was a Patron Saint Celebration and Mass on December 18, Fr. Brian suggested to encourage all of our council members to attend the celebration.

Upcoming Calendar Dates: For parish and school

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| • Pack Meeting -November 20 | • Patron Saint Celebration -
December 18 |
| • High School CYM
(Indianapolis) -November
21-24 | • Nativity of the Lord -
December 25 |
| • Advent Penance Service -
December 3 | • Solemnity of Mary -January
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| • Breakfast with Santa -
December 7 | • Epiphany Celebration -
January 5 |
| • C.R.A.S.E. -December 7 | • Chili Supper -January 18 |
| • School Band Concert -
December 10 | • March for Life (St.
Augustine |
| • Guadalupe Celebration -
December 12 | • Gus Lloyd Conference -
January 25 |

VI. Priests Comments-Fr. Brian LaBurt

Fr. Brian reiterated the recent survey as one of his biggest concerns. He encouraged the council to use this as the voice of our parishioners and determine any upcoming plans. He also wanted everyone to support the March for Life on January 18. He talked about the Black Catholic mass

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was not well attended and asked for discussion on strategies for increasing attendance. There were some discussions to see if there was anything different than what was done in the past. Many on the council applauded Fr. Jason because they said they heard he had done a wonderful homily.

Fr. Jason is now part of Valdosta Area Ministerial Association which is where many religious leaders in the area meet often to discuss the needs of Valdosta. Beverly gave information about how it was in the past when Fr. John was part of this which St. John's was a leader in this organization. She would like to see that back to that level again.

Deacon Pete asked for information about the Christmas schedule and Fr. Brian said it would be discussed within the church office.

Garland Award-Fr. Brian nominated Lee Crosby & Marilyn Baltrus from our Parish to receive it. Lee had some very kind words of thanks but really wanted to emphasize the generosity and incredible parishioners of St. John's.

VII. Closing Prayer-Heidi adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.