

St. John the Evangelist  
Pastoral Parish Council Agenda  
February 19, 2020  
(following 6:00 mass)

In attendance: Fr. Brian, Lynn Barfield, Sheryl Dasinger, Beverly Kindley, Kathy Register, Ken Hotcaveg, Deacon Nate Swann, Cesar Reyes, Fr. Jason Adams, Laura Hanna, Pete Falkenhausen, Kevin Berkel, Lee Crosby, Nerma Dave, Tony Drake, Sr. Nuala Mulleady, Mark Ellis, & Heidi Gonzalez, and Ryan Hogan.

Heidi called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m. and asked Father Brian to open the meeting with a prayer.

- I. Approval of Minutes – January 15, 2020-Heidi said the January minutes were not sent out and we will review them at the next meeting.

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 (Ryan Hogan)
- 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) **\*verbal report**
- N. San Jose (Cesar Reyes)
- O. School (Vito Pelliteri)
- P. Stewardship (Lee Crosby)

\*Indicates Quarterly Reports

Sr. Nuala gave a verbal report in addition to the written one she submitted. She is also planning a celebration for her volunteers. She is looking to celebrate 9 years of the St. Francis Center being reopened. She is looking for ideas for next year to celebrate 10 years of the St. Francis Center being reopened. She wants the ideas to lead to an action that will impact the community. She wants the ideas submitted in writing and then let an independent group.

Ken Hotcaveg-Ken set the tone that he was not going to be sharing positive news. He said that the expenses surpassed revenue by \$51,000 so far in this year's budget. Ken said due to the sale of the Berkley house we are able to offset those costs without having to withdraw from savings.

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He said they are looking at ways to increase awareness in the parish to start bringing in revenue to the church. Ken said the first thing the finance committee wants to do is educate the parish on what is going on with our finances. There was discussion from multiple council members that through the generosity of a donors, we no longer have debt. Council members thought parishioners may perceive our parish is not in need of monetary support and they may not need to give as much as they have in the past. There were questions of Ken on where the increases were. He identified most of the increases were from upkeep to facilities like air conditioning units. He also said there was a significant decrease in the offertory. Fr. Brian suggested we look at a structured offertory campaign but not like "My Sunday Visitor".

### III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Security Update – Jim Dunleavy
  - a. March 18-Protecting Houses of Worship (see attachment)

Jim & Nerma said they were planning to attend this and would provide an update at the March meeting.

- B. Parish Mission Discussion-Mark Ellis
  - a. Feedback on Gus Lloyd
  - b. 1 mission per year? 2 missions per year?
    - i. Need to book Lent 2020 soon.
    - ii. Lent 2021 soon after.

Feedback was positive. Decision was made to have someone high profile come at lent and then lower profile/cost for advent. There was discussion on specific individuals and Tony Drake said he would investigate it further.

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Catholic Leadership Institute –Heidi Gonzalez

A new survey has been developed to help discern a priest's strengths in regards to what a parish needs are. Heidi said there will be a presentation at upcoming masses as well as a series of emails/bulletin posts regarding the surveys.

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- B. Nominating Committee-Ryan Hogan  
a. Review Attached Timeline

Ryan reviewed the timeline with everyone and make sure everyone understood this was an internal document for the council to follow and not something that would be communicated with the parish. Everyone was in agreement and there was only a minimal discussion.

- C. Décor Committee – Mark Ellis  
a. Joint session of Finance Committee, Décor, & Parish Council.

Ryan shared that Terri Filtz requested to postpone this discussion until the March meeting (after the Reverse Draw) and give Celine Gladwin the chance to be part of this.

- D. NET Ministry Discussion-Heidi Gonzalez  
a. Discussion on attachments.  
i. 3 Year Commitment  
ii. Catalyst

Multiple committee members thought the 3 year commitment was great but when presented with the cost thought it was excessive. The committee was unanimous on pursuing the catalyst option pending the Finance Committee's approval.

**Upcoming Calendar Dates: For parish and school**

- **Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>**—REVERSE DRAW School Fundraiser/Dinner Dance
- **Feb 26<sup>th</sup>**—Ash Wednesday
- **Feb 28<sup>th</sup>**—Lenten Fish Fry
- **Mar 19<sup>th</sup>**—St. Joseph Celebration
- **Mar 28<sup>th</sup>**—First Reconciliation
- **April 5<sup>th</sup>**—Palm Sunday
- **April 9<sup>th</sup>**—Holy Thursday
- **April 10<sup>th</sup>**—Good Friday
- **April 11<sup>th</sup>**—Holy Saturday
- **April 12<sup>th</sup>**—Easter Sunday
- **April 24<sup>th</sup>**—Confirmation
- **May 3<sup>rd</sup>**—First Holy Communion

VI. Priests Comments-Fr. Brian LaBurt

Fr. Brian thanked everyone for sharing their thoughts and views on different things. He said he learns so much from everyone during these meetings.

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Fr. Jason thanked everyone for the prayers and well wishes for his grandfather during the recent passing. He also talked about the coach and his role on the Valdosta Ministerial Association and they are looking to have discussions in the community about this.

VII. Closing Prayer-Heidi asked Fr. Brian to lead the group in a closing prayer at 7:47 p.m.