

St. John the Evangelist  
Pastoral Parish Council Agenda  
September 18, 2019 Minutes  
(following 6:00 mass)

In attendance: Fr. Brian LaBurt, Lynn Barfield, Sheryl Dasinger, Beverly Kindley, James Dunleavy, Nerma Dave, Kevin Berkel, Steve Findlay, Deacon Pete Falkenhausen, Tony Drake, Deacon Nate, Lee Crosby, and Lynette Kenworthy.

Opening Prayer- 6:46 p.m. Heidi called the meeting to order.

I. Approval of Minutes – June 19, 2019 & August 21, 2019

Heidi asked if there were any discussion of the June 2019 minutes. Sr. Nuala brought up projectors within the church and the discussion from the June 2019 meeting about them. She asked if there was further discussion about it. Heidi asked that for the council to table the discussion until the October meeting. Lee made a motion to pass the minutes. Mark seconded the motion. Everyone voted to approve the minutes.

Regarding the August minutes Heidi asked if there were questions or discussions about this and there was no response. Sr. Nuala motioned to approve and Mark seconded the motion. Heidi called for a vote and it was approved 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) \*verbal report\***
- 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)\* verbal report\***
- 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 thanked everyone for their written reports and she asked if there were any questions or comments about the reports. Sheryl asked about a November 3<sup>rd</sup> date regarding a Rite to Life and

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there was some general discussions on updates to this. Beverly asked about the buildings and Maintenance committee providing updates on what they were working on. Fr. Brian let her know they are following his directions and are giving him regular updates on what needs to be done and what they are working on.

**Stewardship Committee:** Lee asked if he could add onto his report and said there will be a ministry leader appreciation event on Wednesday, September 25. He wanted to encourage the Parish Council to be there if they can. They will be talking more about the Stewardship weekend on October 12 & 13. He also passed out brochures that will be in the pews during this weekend. See Appendix A.

**Newman Center:** Lynette shared the events that they have been having which included a kick-off night with VSU faculty and staff. They are having weekly “Blaze” nights on Wednesday’s and Masses on Sunday’s. September 18 is the first faith formation with the students and Deacon David. The students have started a newsletter and Lynette encouraged the council to sign up for it to see what is going on. Newman Center students will be helping out with the fall carnival. October 15<sup>th</sup> the students will be going through Virtus training. See Appendix B.

**Finance Report:** Steve Findlay said Captain Pittman passed away recently and his house is next to the rectory. Fr. Brian assembled a Finance Committee meeting to see if purchasing the house was something the Parish would want. It was approved by the Finance Committee to purchase the home. Steve said with the sale of the other home on Berkley it would almost be an even monetary trade. There were discussions on what the home could be used for in terms of meeting spaces for ministries or even deacons. Steve said one of the most important features of the home is the land and we might have future uses that we are not considering now. Fr. Brian said we were still waiting on approval from the diocese.

Steve also brought up the ability to take credit cards for the school and the church. There were discussions on acceptable options and reasons the credit card payments would be needed. Steve said he would bring back a decision by the Finance Committee after their next meeting.

### III. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Recognition and welcome of Deacon Nathan – Heidi Gonzalez

Heidi thanked Deacon Nate for being with us and looks forward to working with him over the next year. Deacon Nate thanked everyone for welcoming him and referred everyone to the information in the bulletin for more information about him.

#### B. Parish Directory (Spring 2020) – Ryan Hogan

Heidi said that we wanted to bring up the discussion if we wanted to do it again. Beverly said that she was concerned with the amount of work that went into it and she thought it was too

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soon. Lee said that he thought he would participate but was concerned that it was too soon. Fr. Brian asked everyone to go around the table to get their input. Lee suggested that we table this until next year. Heidi asked everyone if they agreed and the whole council did.

- C. Stewardship: A Disciple's Response –Fr. Brian
  - a. Open discussion about on encounters with Jesus

Fr. Brian asked everyone to give their opinions on what they read. Lee thought it was inspirational. Sr. Nuala felt that it was too lengthy to absorb everything that was in it. She wished it would have been more concise. Sr. Nuala asked Fr. Brian what his goal of this was? He said that he would like for it to guide all of our pastoral activities. Sr. Nuala wanted to stress a message that “stewardship” is more than “time, talent, and treasure”. She suggested that it involved much more that we needed to talk about.

- D. Security Update – Heidi Gonzalez
  - a. Discuss email from Heidi (VSU PD)

Heidi opened up the topic by letting everyone know that she and Ryan found out that Sgt. Heidi Browning offered a similar course that was being discussed that would be led by Officer Hancock. Jim Dunleavy attended the information session lead by Sgt. Browning and he gave Nerma, Ryan, and Heidi an update on how it went. The 4 of them met before the council meeting and decided based on scheduling and the content of the course it was best to ask Sgt. Browning if she would lead this session which is called Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE). Nerma brought up that she worried that Officer Hancock would feel like his time was wasted by talking with us about the course he was willing to offer. Heidi said that she would call him personally to make sure he understood the different direction we were going in. It was decided that we would speak with Sgt. Browning to see if a date could be determined for the CRASE course. It was also discussed that based on what was learned from this course, a security policy would be drafted for the council to consider adopting.

**(Post meeting update:** Heidi spoke with Officer Hancock and she said that he could not have been more understanding and gracious. He understood our decision was based merely on scheduling and the content of the course Sgt. Browning was covering. He told Heidi that he had actually attended Sgt. Browning's course and thought she would do a great job).

- E. Formed (perhaps kickoff during Stewardship??) – Mark Ellis
  - a. Visit: [formed.org](http://formed.org)
  - b. Click “sign Up”
  - c. Select “I belong to a Parish or Organization”
  - d. Find your parish by name, city, or zip code.
  - e. Enter your email and then check that email for a link to begin using FORMED.

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Mark said the software has been purchased and we need to focus on ways to promote it to the rest of the parish. There were general discussions to those that have already used the product and everyone felt like the parish would benefit from it.

F. Music Update – Mark Ellis

Mark said there is going to be an upcoming meeting for all of those involved with the music committee. He also shared that Penny Storey is at a conference in Nashville, TN that focuses on ways to incorporate more contemporary efforts in the music. Fr. Brian suggested we think outside the masses for better music options. For example, if there was a special event that is being hosted, the school/parish should consider including music into it. Mark thought that would be beneficial because it would give the opportunity for more songs that he thought people would enjoy listening to and the musicians would enjoy providing.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Carnival-Mark Ellis

Mark said he had a long conversation with Staci Staton about the upcoming Carnival. They also talked about Trunk or Treat and he said he would work with those organizing it.

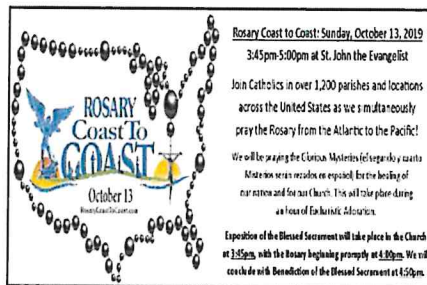
B. More Confession Options? Monthly? -Heidi Gonzalez

Fr. Brian wanted more time to minister to through reconciliation. It was suggested that Newman Center or school youth can be asked about what they wanted. Sr. Nuala suggested we consider more confession options.

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

- **Family Water Day**--Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> —Family Water Day
- **Hispanic Heritage Celebration**—Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>
- **Ministry Leader Appreciation**—Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>.
- **Casino Night**—Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>
- **Parish Mission**-Sunday, October, 6<sup>th</sup> through Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm
  - (Reception to follow on Wed night)
- **Stewardship Ministry Fair**—Saturday and Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup> following Masses
- **Rosary Coast to Coast** - Sunday, October 13

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- **School Road Race and Carnival**—Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>
- **End of Life Planning Seminar**—tentatively set for Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>
- **Diocesan Jr. Youth Conference**—Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>

- **Options Now Walk for Life**—Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>
- **Black Catholic Ministry Reception** (following 5pm Mass) – Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>
- **Breakfast with Santa**—Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>
- **Guadalupe Celebration**—Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>
- **Patron Saint Celebration**—Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>
- **Chili Supper**—Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>
- **Gus Lloyd Conference**—Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>

VI. Priests Comments-Fr. Brian LaBurt

Fr. Brian expressed his appreciation to the council for all of their input in tonight's discussion. He has been a little under weather but is feeling much better.

VII. Closing Prayer-8:38 P.M Heidi brought the meeting close and asked Fr. Brian to lead the council in a closing prayer.