

St. John the Evangelist
Pastoral Parish Council Agenda
May 20, 2020
(following 6:00 mass)

Opening Prayer

I. Approval of Minutes – January 15, 2020 & February 19, 2020

6:02 p.m.-Heidi called the meeting to order. She started the meeting off with an opening prayer. She then asked if there were discussions on the minutes and both were approved by the whole council.

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 (Ken Hotcaveg)
- 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)
- N. San Jose (Cesar Reyes)
- O. School (Vito Pelliteri)
- P. Stewardship (Lee Crosby)

*Indicates Quarterly Reports

Everyone commended Sr. Nuala on her work for the “thank a farmer project”. Sr. Nuala expressed gratitude to everyone that donated to the project and helped her organize it.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Nominating Committee-Ryan Hogan

- a. Ryan shared that the website and everything else was being pulled together. He hoped to have everything live soon. Heidi indicated that she is willing to stay on the council but will be stepping down as the president. It was suggested that Mark step into the president’s role, leave the vice president role open, and Ryan remain as secretary. Laura Hanna also agreed to stay on the council until the positions were filled.

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B. Cameras for the church

- a. Jim said they have been installed. He thanked Tony Barfield and Mark Chamberland for their help in installing them.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Return to Church Plan – Ryan Hogan

- a. Ryan shared plans were in effect to return to mass. This included looking at social distancing measures (spacing out the pews), organizing the ushers to help lead efforts, and evaluating proper cleaning standards. There was discussion amongst the council on ways to properly clean the sanctuary between masses. Ryan shared there was a fogger that he was made aware of that was being considered by Fr. Brian and the maintenance committee.

B. Outreach Plan to the Parish – Heidi Gonzalez

- a. Heidi brought up an idea to see if there are volunteers within the council to reach out and call members of the parish. Bev shared that many years ago this was done and it was extremely successful. Heidi suggested for Ryan to send out an email to the council to see whom would volunteer to help and then proceed from there.

C. Connectivity of the Parish During the Pandemic-Ryan Hogan

- a. Ryan updated the council on the many ways the parish was staying connected throughout the Pandemic. This was weekly streaming of mass through YouTube & Facebook. Fr. Jason's weekly Theology on Tap Show and Fr. Brian's weekly show. Members of the council were complimentary of the many efforts to keep parishioners engaged during this uncertain time.

D. Recognizing Graduating Students – Heidi Gonzalez

- a. Heidi is leading an effort to recognize graduates. Her contact information would be put in the bulletin, shared on social media, and announced at masses. She will collect them and turn it into the church office to proceed from there.

E. Sound System – Mark Ellis

- a. Mark lead a discussion to discuss upgrades to the sound system. Fr. Brian wanted everyone to consider, when considering the upgrades, is that he wants to continue to stream mass even after the pandemic is over. Fr. Brian has seen the many benefits of engaging parishioners whom are home bound or might have moved away and are no longer physically in the Valdosta area but want to stay engaged with our Parish. There was discussion from council members about, given the pandemic, they are able to attend mass virtually with family members that they are physically distant apart. Mark went into details about equipment that we needed to make the virtual mass sound and look better. Fr. Brian asked Mark to work with Rob McGhin to identify the equipment and determine the cost.

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VI. Priests Comments-Fr. Brian LaBurt

Fr. Brian shared how much he was looking forward to welcoming parishioners back to mass. He underscored that he wanted to make sure the parish welcomes parishioners back in a safe and secure manner. He also asked Ryan to follow up to get a sign made in the front of the church that says "Welcome Back".

VII. Closing Prayer

7:26 p.m. Fr. Brian lead everyone in a closing prayer and adjourned the meeting.