

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

Present: Fr. Joe Dorner, Mike Calawerts, Helen Wellens Tom Pecor, Tom Schampers,
Steve Lepak, Jean Laux, Carol VandenBush

Excused: Mike Quinn

A number of parishioners attended this meeting wanting to learn about the recent termination of the Music Director. The floor was opened for them to share their thoughts and several of them took the opportunity to do so. After giving all who wanted to speak the chance, the Council thanked them for their time. As this is a personnel issue, it was not appropriate for any details to be shared.

Opening Prayer: Fr. Joe led us in prayer.

Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Committee Reports...

Deaf Community: Jean said that thirty two people celebrated the December 8 Deaf Community Liturgy with Fr. Christopher Klusman and Deacon David Sommers. There were a few people less than normal because of the bad weather. Seminarian Aaron Hietpas was also present. He is in his first year in the seminary and his studies include learning sign language. Jean shared what a blessing this will be for our diocese. On Saturday, people also celebrated Reconciliation at the rectory and the Green Bay Girl Choir sang before the Mass started. Fr. Klusman is also coming to St. John's on March 10th for Lenten confessions and Mass. Jean said that these days are good for community camaraderie and she will be planning activities to be done on March 10 after the Liturgy.

Buildings and Grounds: The new windows from K. Bee Windows and Siding were installed in the Ricklin Room. Mike Klatt will began working on plumbing and lighting to modernize the sacristy. Another project for the 2019 fiscal year will be reconstruction of the portico over the east doorway to the rectory.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Potential New Parish Council Members...

Fr. Joe asked if a few more members should be added to our Pastoral Council. Helen shared that it would be nice to have a few younger members involved. Fr. Joe will run an ad in the bulletin requesting that those interested come forward.

B. Advertising for a part time Music Minister...

Fr. Joe passed out an article to run in the Compass advertising for a part time music minister. Jean asked that the new minister would provide liturgical information for the interpreter for weekend Masses. All felt that along with the musician playing the piano or organ, it would be good to have a cantor to lead singing.

C: Winter 2018 Adult Faith Formation...

Thirty-five people attended Fr. Jim Neilson's "The Saints Among Us" presentation on Nov. 29th. New Alpha Course sessions began December 6. Twelve people from St. John's and twenty-two people from Cathedral are attending this series. There will be another course starting in spring. The coordinators for Adult Faith Formation are Carla DeGroot, Jan Phillips, and Ann Kieltyka.

During the Lenten Season, Fr. Joe will be offering four to five presentations using the DVD Series by Dr. Edward Sri entitled "A Biblical Walk through the Mass".

D. Capital Campaign in Fall 2019...

Monies from this campaign will be for seminarians, people doing evangelization, Catholic Schools, and for retired priests. Half of the monies given by members of St. John's will be used for enhancements of our parish.

E. Evening of Reconciliation...

Reconciliation will be held on Thursday, December 13 from 6:30-7:30 PM.

F. Longest Night Prayer Service...

This service will be held at St. John's on December 20 with an Optional Peace Walk at 6:40 PM and the Interfaith Prayer Service at 7:00 PM. Fr. Dorner will open the Memorial Service with an introduction and welcome. It is a community event held on the longest night of the year in remembrance of all who struggle or have struggled with homelessness.

Next Meeting: A suggestion was made of possibly holding an executive session council meeting but Fr. Joe hadn't made a decision on this yet. Our regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, February 12, 2019.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Joe closed with prayer and a blessing.