

## **St. John the Baptist Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes January 10, 2017 School Conference Room**

*\*\* Note: Minutes are unofficial until approved at next Pastoral Council Meeting*

Members Present: Kent Bindl, Mark Gumm, John Mueller, Tom Paul, Joel Pierce, Mike Sokol, Kristin Strehlow, Father Phil (Parish Administrator), Bill Barbieur (Trustee), Lisa Schoneman (Business Manager)

Member Absent: Ann Gamoke, Keith Ott, Don Sager (Trustee),

### **The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by John Mueller**

### **Reflection by Mike Sokol**

### **Approve November 2016 Minutes**

- Motion to approve with change by Joel Pierce (Mike Sokol)
- Approved

### **Finance Council Report – Tom Paul**

- Road America profited approximately \$53,700
- Super Raffle grossed approximately \$22,600
- First half of the year is ahead of budget (although the timing of expenses is contributing to this)
- School – proceeding to reach similar salary & tuition levels as area schools
  - Principal & teacher salaries will increase
  - Tuition will increase \$125 per student (this increase is discounted for additional students in the same family)
  - Eliminating non-member rates
- Long-term Capital Plans in process
  - New carpeting on step at alter (different color for safety)
  - New handrail at alter
  - Hearing assistance in church
  - New signage

### Committee Reports

#### **School Board Committee – Joel Pierce**

- Catholic Schools Week is end of January
- Auction planning is coming along

#### **Human Concerns Committee – No Update**

#### **Faith Formation Committee – No Update**

#### **Liturgy & Worship Committee – Update via email – Keith Ott**

- Josette Svitter has offered to be the lead usher for the interim until a new lead usher will be chosen in 2017 (Hopefully)

- Discussed Lenten activities such as a lay person possibly leading the Stations of the Cross, reading "The Stations of the Cross through Mary's Eyes," and possibly distributing a Lenten devotional book.
- The Prayer and Worship Committee is conducting a SWOT of the liturgical experience. Please see me if you would like to provide input.

### **Stewardship & Evangelization Committee – No Update**

### **APC – No Update**

### **Strategic Planning Committee – No Update**

### **Pastoral Report – Father Phil**

- PC members requested a "report card" from Father Phil on how we are doing
- Father thinks that the Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Trustees and School Board Committee are all doing well.
- Particularly impressed with the Auction planning
- Atmosphere between STA & SJB is progressing
- Archdiocese prioritizing Pastor training and cluster planning

### **Old Business**

- Parish Profile
  - Reviewed profile as compiled. Few word and grammar changes, but overall agreement from all members
  - John Mueller will share it with Kerry from STA for distribution to their council members.
  - John should also work with Kerry to create a joint cover letter to submit with our profiles.
  - Motion to approve Parish Profile by Joel Pierce (Kristin Strehlow)
  - Approved

### **New Business**

- Re-establishing a 8AM Mass at SJB
  - Are we losing parishioners because we don't have an 8AM Mass at SJB?
  - Would need to have additional/helper priest to accomplish this even when we have a permanent priest.
  - Continuity of priest should guide us vs. just having another Mass.
  - How could this work with STA? This would put a big strain on our relationship and isn't worth having another Mass.
  - Is there an opportunity to switch Mass times with STA during certain seasons?
  - Is there an opportunity to have the number of masses correlate to the parishioner count?
  - Next priest could change everything – especially since priests are only supposed to have 3 Masses per weekend.
  - This will be tabled.
- Volunteer Appreciation / Gala
  - Party for any SJB volunteer to show appreciation for them
  - Sit Down Dinner / Entertainment / Music / Dancing

- Way to increase fellowship between all SJB and STA parishioners
- Where? Road America? Parking Lot? Park?
- To truly appreciate volunteers you would need to hire out for everything.
- Should not be this year due to auction
- General agreement that this is a good idea.
- Table it, but continue the dialog on this idea.
- Member terms expiring this spring
  - Kristin Strehlow (2<sup>nd</sup> term) – can't run again
  - Kent Bindl (2<sup>nd</sup> term) – can't run again
  - Keith Ott (1<sup>st</sup> term) – can run again
  - Mike Sokol may need to leave his term early
  - Please consider parishioners who would be interested
- Archdiocese Spirituality of Stewardship
  - Details in the bulletin this week
  - Great opportunity for PC members, please consider attending

### **Acknowledgements**

### **Prayer & Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn by John Mueller (Mark Gumm)
- Meeting Adjourned

**Next Strategic Meeting – February 14, 2017 (tentative)**

**Next PC Meeting – March 14, 2017 – Reflection by Mark Gumm**

Respectfully submitted by Kristin Strehlow