

# **St. John the Baptist & St. Thomas Aquinas Joint Pastoral Council January 12, 2016 Meeting Minutes SJB School Conference Room**

SJB Members Present: John Mueller, Keith Ott, Tom Paul, Joel Pierce, Kristin Strehlow, Father Dan, Lisa Schoneman, Bill Barbieur

STA Members Present: Bev Dippel, Kerry Gigot, Chris Holzmann, Linda Leibham, Ron Nielsen, Red Platz, Bev Verhulst,

**The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM**

**Reflection by Father Dan**

**John Mueller was the Facilitator of the meeting**

**Meeting Purpose:** Identify Strategies to preserve each parish culture but still collaborate

There was discussion of different ideas, suggestions and current activities.

Parish Strategic Plans

- SJB is currently working on updating the parish SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) as a review of the existing Strategic Plan
- There is definite interest in STA doing this same procedure
- Wonderful opportunity to share information back and forth
- STA members could attend our Strategic Meetings to learn the process
- There are lots of opportunities to use each other's strengths to improve upon each other's weaknesses

Communicate to Parishioners

- While there are areas to improve collaborations, let's not lose sight of all the things that we are already doing together

Collaboration Ideas

- Bumper Stickers / Car Decals
- Christmas Parade 2016
- Need to ensure that we are not adding more work to Father, Lisa or Chris.
- Need to ensure that we are utilizing the talents within our parishes
- We need to make the personal connection when help is needed – we need to ASK.

There was several strategies identified

**Strategy:** Give Father a day off and reduce the PC meeting frequency so that he only needs to attend one each month.

- SJB & STA will switch off PC meetings each month
- Father will have Thursdays as his day off
  - There is a procedure in place to cover emergencies
  - Communicate this more with parishioners

**Strategy:** Have a member of each PC attend the other PC meeting as a vehicle of communication between the parishes

- STA February 9 – 6:30PM – John Mueller will attend
- SJB March 8 – 7PM – Linda Liebham will attend
- STA April 12 – 6:30PM – Tom Paul will attend
- SJB May 10 – 7PM – Red Platz will attend
- June 14 – Joint Meeting at STA, but SJB will have its regular PC meeting prior at STA
- SJB will add “STA PC Recap” to its PC meeting agenda.
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**Strategy:** Publicize the collaboration that is already being done between STA & SJB

- Monthly submission to the bulletin
- “Working Together” will highlight what we are already doing
- Each respective council will develop this bulletin write up at their PC meeting
- Suggestions:
  - Define the Ministries
  - Net Retreats
  - Confirmation Retreats
  - Joint Lenten Mission
  - Giving Tree

Respectfully submitted by Kristin Strehlow