

St. John the Baptist Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

December 4, 2017 7:00 PM – 9:20 PM

Facilitator:	Erin Mathia
Minutes:	Erin Mathia/Rich Myler
Council Members:	Jenny Collier, Pat Coto, Greg Dober, Jim Klingensmith, Lisa Koslosky, Erin Mathia, Brian Myler, Rich Myler,
Others in Attendance:	Father Kevin Poecking, Jordan Sonnet (Seminararian), Amanda Nicholson (Music Ministry)
Absent:	Dan Pietragallo, Cindy Vento

1. Prayer

- The fifth Pastoral Council Meeting began with prayer led by Erin Mathia using the following Gospel reading: *Mark 25: 1-8*

2. Parish Ministry Conversation (Amanda Nicholson – Music Ministry)

Amanda Nicholson attended this evening and gave us a background summary of what is currently going on with the Music Ministry.

- Amanda is currently working as the director of the Music Ministry on a part-time basis while attending school
- Future plans for the Music Ministry are up in the air due to the On Mission process and what is to come with the changes in clergy and mass times
- Current Music Ministry programs include: Adult Choir, School Music Program
- Programs suspended / cut back include: Junior Choir, Bell Choir, and most recently, the Praise Band. It would be important to reinstate old groups where we can; bell choir members miss ringing
- Amanda uses technology more to allow members of the choir the ability to practice at home
- Amanda spends a lot of time communicating with choir members for adequate preparation
- A possibility for when choir is on break during the summer: have families who enjoy singing but are not able to commit to sing weekly sing at a mass in the summer months
- Another idea discussed was inviting others (high school students, college students, former junior choir members) to sing during special services such as Easter or Christmas - just a couple of practices would be needed in such instances
- Lastly, we talked about ideas for future Music Ministry directors, specifically to look for someone who not only is very good in music, but can also perform all the tasks necessary behind the ministry (the clerical, communication, and technology aspects)

3. Opening Comments (Father Kevin)

School News

- The 2018 Gala is going to be held on Saturday April 7, 2018 at Green Oaks Country Club
- A planning meeting was held on Tuesday November 28, 2017
- The gala will have more of an entire parish focus (school and church) versus school only
- Towards that end, two awards are going to be presented at the 2018 Gala
 - o Lifetime Achievement Award (School connection)
 - o The Ecclesia Award (Church connection)
- Erin Mathia agreed to be a part of the Gala Committee as the Pastoral Council representative

On Mission for the Church Alive (School Regionalization)

- East Hills school review meetings are being scheduled
 - o Includes the pastor, the principal, a member of the pastoral council, a member of the finance committee, and a member of the school advisory board
 - o They will discuss / represent St. John the Baptist school
- Father Kevin and Principal Quattrone selected a few potential dates in January & February for the meeting
 - o Once the meeting date and time is set, Father Kevin will contact Pastoral Council members in order to see who is able to attend

Pastoral Council

- Following the adoption of the Operating Norms for the Pastoral Council, attendance of members needs to be addressed following the guidelines set forth

4. Minutes from last meeting

- Minutes from the November 6, 2017 Pastoral Council Meeting were approved

5. Setting Parish Long-Range Goals

Long-Range Goals

- Thoughtful and spirited discussions regarding the development of long term parish goals continued (see pp 39-40 of the OBOM)
- Following the overall theme of 'Discipleship', based on the parish mission statement and following the example of our patron saint, St. John the Baptist the following Long-Range Goals were developed:
 1. Establish public outreach efforts in the local community (social outreach)
 2. Invite others to share in our community of faith in Jesus (evangelization)
 3. Grow our understanding of our relationship with Jesus Christ (catechesis)

6. Updates; Closing Comments

- Brian Myler will extend an invitation to Nancy Gimbel (Ladies of Charity) to speak at the January 8th meeting as part of our Parish Ministry Conversation
 - o If Nancy or another representative from the Ladies of Charity is unavailable, an invitation will be extended to Peg Mineo (Bereavement)

7. Closing Prayer and Next Meeting

- Tonight's meeting closed with the 'On Mission for the Church Alive' prayer

- Upcoming Meetings

January 8, 2018

7:00 PM

Facilitator: Brian Myler

February 5, 2018

7:00 PM

Facilitator: Rich Myler

March 5, 2018

7:00 PM

Facilitator: Cindy Vento?

8. Pastoral Council Members' Homework

- Under each long-range goal, list what the parish is currently doing towards the goal (assess status quo)
- Be prepared to begin developing objectives