

St. John the Baptist Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

March 5, 2018 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Facilitator: Jenny Collier
Minutes: Erin Mathia/Rich Myler
Council Members: Jenny Collier, Pat Coto, Greg Dober, Jim Klingensmith, Lisa Koslosky, Erin Mathia, Brian Myler, Rich Myler, Dan Pietragallo
Others in Attendance: Father Kevin Poecking, Jordan Sonnet, Elena Carter and Amy Robertson (St. John the Baptist School PTG)
Absent: Cindy Vento

1. Prayer

- The eighth Pastoral Council Meeting began with prayer led by Jenny Collier using the following Gospel reading: *John 3:14-21*

2. Parish Ministry Conversation (Elena Carter and Amy Robertson – SJB School PTG)

Elena Carter and Amy Robertson attended this evening to give the Council background summary of many activities undertaken by the St. John the Baptist School Parent Teacher Guild (PTG)

Elena Carter / Amy Robertson

- The PTG provides activities at the school to engage the kids and bring kids and families together
- The PTG expressed gratitude for parish support this past year; they feel that the strengthened connection between the two has been very positive; event totals have doubled from last year
- The PTG also gave a shout out to the St. John's Cookie Committee and all their help this year; the Cookie Committee provided all the cookies for the PTG events
- PTG Fundraisers include: Uniform Resale (2 times a year), Duck Race Fundraiser, Hoagie Sale (2 times a year), Kris Kringle Santa Shop
- PTG funded activities include:

Letters to 8 th Grade Alumni	Door Decorations	Kindergarten Orientation
Welcome gifts for students	Preschool Orientation	Preschool Open House
Staff Back to School Luncheon	Main School Orientation	Ice Cream Socials
Bonfire	May Crowning	Iowa Testing Snacks
Birthday Treats	St. Nick's Day Treats	Staff Christmas Luncheon
Winterfest Activity (Roller Skating Party)	Catholic Schools Week (Food Table)	Administrative Assistant Appreciation
Donuts with Dad	Muffins with Mom	Grandparent's Day
Staff Appreciation Luncheon	Nurse's Day Gift	Preschool Graduations
Kindergarten Graduation	Father Kevin's Birthday	Principal's Birthday
Church Festival Donation Baskets (St. John the Baptist; Our Lady of Joy; St. Januarius)		
- The PTG looks to the Pastoral Council for support and promotion of the various activities

3. Minutes from last meeting

- Minutes from the February 5, 2018 Pastoral Council Meeting were approved

4. Opening Comments (Father Kevin)

On Mission for the Church Alive

- Father Kevin will be attending a joint Vicariate Mission meeting tomorrow (March 6)
 - o April 26, 2018 - Announcement of parish groupings and clergy assignments
 - o Summer 2018 – New mass schedules
 - o October 15, 2018 - New assignments and mass times go into effect

School Regionalization – The real change is an adjustment from having a Pastor in charge to having a Regional Board governing all schools in the East Pittsburgh region. St. John School will conduct business as usual next year and participate in the regionalization process moving forward.

School/Parish

- Father Kevin reported that there are currently 22 kids registered for Kindergarten next year
- At the last meeting it was discussed that Pastoral Council members attempt to be more visible and discuss with parishioners/school families what St. John's does well and can be done better
 - o *What we are doing well:*
 - The return of Children's Liturgy
 - Continue educational classes such as Jesus 101, 33 Days to Morning Glory
 - Vespers
 - Bringing the school and the parish closer together
 - Getting young adults involved through Pub Theology
 - Inclusiveness (there is something for everyone)
 - o *What can be done better:*
 - Greeters at front doors to welcome and direct people where to go
 - The choir is only singing at the 9:00 mass
 - More opportunities at Church for anointing of the sick
 - Concerns about those who do not have computers with the shift to the use of more technology

5. Long-Range Goals / Objectives

Goal 1: To establish public outreach efforts to the local community. (Social Outreach)

Objectives/Strategies	Completion Date	Costs Involved	Implementer(s)
1. Evaluate formation of a social committee that reaches out to the homebound 2. Assess needs and then report back	TBD TBD	Publicity; database development & maintenance	Brian Myler
3. Evaluate formation of a Welcoming Committee 4. Establish a parish Welcoming Package	TBD April 2018	Printing; packaging	Greg Dober Rich Myler
5. Gather information regarding donut socials 6. Determine viability of expanding to masses other than 9 AM	February 2018 April 2018		Jenny Collier

Updates:

- Greg Dober is 80% done with an updated Welcome Brochure. Once it is complete it will be reviewed by all Council (within the next 2 weeks). Greg spoke with Dave Hall about sending out the new brochure to new members of the parish.
- Pat Kiser is the organizer for the donut socials, which are held on the 4th Sunday every month. Rich Myler learned the donuts are from Stoekleins Bakery (the first 7 dozen are donated by the bakery). Setup for the social begins at 8 AM with about 7 ladies involved. There are between 70-90 people that attend any given donut social. Help with set-up, particularly chair set-up, is welcomed.
- The Pastoral Council discussed having some of the other ministries assist with the donut social about every other month. This would give the other ministries an opportunity to speak to parishioners about their ministries and also to help out with the social and learn the process.

Goal 2: To invite others to share in our faith in Jesus. (Sharing Christ)

Objectives/Strategies	Completion Date	Costs Involved	Implementer(s)
1. Staff and parishioners to participate in the Diocesan School of Missionary Discipleship	TBD		SMD
2. Start to determine the strengths of willing parishioners, staff, and key parish leaders	TBD		Those who have participated in the SMD
3. Develop a committee to oversee personal testimonies for the parish 4. Promote personal testimony through various means of media (print, electronic, social, in person, one-on-one)	April 2018 June 2018		Brian Myler Jenny Collier Jordan Sonnet (guidance for testimonials)
5. Develop ideas for a job description for a staff position to coordinate media offerings, communications, and needs	June 2018		Pat Coto Jenny Collier Dan Pietragallo
6. Explore the Legion of Mary as means to promote awareness and power of the rosary	TBD		Lisa Koslosky

Goal 3: To grow our understanding of our relationship with Jesus Christ. (Catechesis)

Objectives/Strategies	Completion Date	Costs Involved	Implementer(s)

6. Closing Comments

- Dan Pietragallo and Jenny Collier will extend an invitation to Jackie from the Rosary Society to speak at the April 2nd meeting as part of our Parish Ministry Conversation

7. Closing Prayer and Next Meeting

- Tonight's meeting closed with the 'On Mission for the Church Alive' prayer
- Upcoming meetings
 - April 2, 2018
7:00 PM
Facilitator: Pat Coto
 - May 7, 2018
7:00 PM
Facilitator: Greg Dober
 - June 4, 2018
7:00 PM
Facilitator: Jim Klingensmith

8. Pastoral Council Members' Homework

- Continue to develop ideas towards objectives/strategies (refer to page 41 of the OBOM)
- Continue to gather information regarding what St. John's is doing that is working, what we can do better, and what we are not doing that we should do