

Minutes of the Parish Council  
Thursday, November 21, 2019

(Members who were present are underlined)

<b>Pastor</b>	<u>Fr. Jerome Tupa, OSB</u>	<b>Elected Representatives:</b>	
<b>Trustees</b>	<u>Dean Merdan</u>	<b>8/17-8/20 B</b>	Vacancy
	<u>Lori Fuchs</u>	<b>8/17-8/20</b>	Joe Theisen
<b>Chair</b>	<u>Brian Posch</u>	<b>8/18-8/21</b>	<u>Brian Posch</u>
<b>Vice Chair</b>		<b>8/18-8/21</b>	Greg Hansen
<b>Youth Member</b>	Levi Posch	<b>8/19-8/22 B</b>	<u>Joyce Abeln</u>
<b>Director, Faith Form.</b>	<u>Tess Koltes</u> Dianne Bechtold	<b>8/19-8/22</b>	<u>Tess Koltes</u>
<b>Secretary (non-voting)</b>	<u>Julie Ortloff</u>		
<b>Finance Council:</b>	<u>Dan Backes</u>	<b>Social Justice and Ministry:</b>	<u>Eileen Haeg &amp; Carol Jansky</u>
<b>Parish Life:</b>	Heidi Peternell	<b>Liturgy:</b>	<u>Tess Koltes</u>

**Review and approval of the May Parish Council Minutes:** 1. Joyce 2. Jerome, Approved.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance Committee:** The Finance Council met just prior to the council meeting. Discussion about how to fill the Kitchen Supervisor position took place. Communication with the parish about this opening will happen. The future of our parish fundraisers is dependent on filling this position. We also discussed the current Mass schedule and the increase in attendance and giving.

**Faith Formation & Liturgy Committee:** This committee too met prior to the council meeting. A production of the Christmas Shoe story will take place at 5:00pm on Christmas Eve in place of the traditional pageant. Rehearsal and planning will begin soon. Tess will coordinate lighting and sound needs with Brian P. Advent wreath lighting and readings will take place at masses each week a Confirmation Students will participate. Reconciliation will take place at 6:30pm on December 12. Jason Prigge will be the pianist and Tess will be responsible for the worship aid. Confirmation Students will be working on Thanksgiving donation baskets to parishioners 80+. Fleece blankets will be tied and donated to the St. Joe food shelf for distribution. The committee is also working on establishing speakers for the remaining FF Sundays.

**Social Justice:** This committee also met prior to the council meeting. They announced that three carloads of coats were donated to the Salvation Army and Catholic Charities. The Advent Giving Tree is up and ready for tags to be taken from the tree on Sunday. The tree features two options of giving: 1. A Secret Santa option for parishioners, and 2. cash donations for FACT food for local children. They continue to brainstorm ideas for the Lenten Soup and Speaker series.

**Parish Life:** Organization of the Craft Sale on November 2 went well and had good participation. Turkey Bingo is set to happen on November 24.

**Old Business:**

**ACC Updates:** Julie and Brian attended training/leadership day on October 24 in Albany for ACC planning members. This was a very good meeting. Many parishes are experiencing similar issues as we are, and adaptations and suggestions were shared of what is working and what is not working. Communication is the key to making a successful ACC. Certainly our ACC Planning Committee needs to meet again, and regularly which will then offer recommendations to the parish council. Fr. Jerome mentioned his retirement in two years in how both parishes may have to make greater changes at that time to collaborate resources and eliminate sub-clergy needs. **ACTION: ACC Planning Committee needs to meet regularly.**

**New Business:**

Christmas Party: Will take place on a Friday night in January at Neighbors 75 in St. Joe. ACTION: More details will follow.

Evaluate Mass Schedule: Planning will have to take place in the coming months to assess the mass schedule and how to proceed in May. ACTION: the Council will have establish a method for evaluating the Sunday Mass schedule, and communication with the parish.

Vice Chairperson: A Vice Chair of the council is needed. Please prayerfully consider.

January Workshop: January 4, Saturday, 9AM-1PM. Topic: Vision of our parish, goal planning for the next decade, how everyday disciples can renew the church. Fr. Jerome requests that St. Joe staff also participate. ACTION: Julie will schedule and find a facilitator.

Adjournment: by Tess

Next meeting: January 16, 2019 7:00pm

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_