

Minutes of St. John the Baptist Parish Advisory Council  
Thursday, March 17, 2022

<b>Pastor</b>	Fr. Roger Klassen, OSB	<b>Elected Representatives:</b>	
<b>Trustees</b>	<u>Dean Merdan</u>	<b>8/20-8/24</b>	<u>Brian Posch</u>
	<u>Heidi Peternell</u>	<b>8/20-8/24</b>	<u>Greg Hansen</u>
<b>Chair: 2021-2022</b>	<u>Joyce Abeln</u>	<b>8/21-8/23</b>	<u>Joyce Abeln</u>
<b>Vice Chair</b>	<u>Greg Hansen</u>	<b>8/21-8/23</b>	<u>Tess Koltes</u>
<b>Director, Faith Form.</b>	<u>Tess Koltes</u>	<b>Canonical Administrator</b>	<u>Fr. Ian Dommer, OSB</u>
<b>Secretary</b>	<u>Julie Ortloff</u>		
<b>Finance Council:</b>	Sandy Eiyneck	<b>Social Justice and Ministry:</b>	Carol Jansky
<b>Parish Life:</b>	<u>Heidi Peternell</u>	<b>Faith Formation &amp; Liturgy:</b>	<u>Tess Koltes</u>

*\*Members present underlined*

**Guests Attending:** none

**Parish Mission Statement:** We are a progressive Catholic Benedictine Community encountering Christ through the celebration of the Word and Sacrament, one another, nature, and our thirst to create a just world.

Prayer led by Joyce

Approval of minutes: from February 17, 2022, 1. Brian, 2. Greg, Approved.

Committee Reports:

○ **Finance**

The Finance Council met prior to the council meeting. Joyce shared about the recommendation to not participate in JoeTown Rocks fundraising. The outdoor mass platform is delayed, so other options are being investigated. The parish will be acquiring a keyboard from St. John's for outdoor mass use. Budget planning is underway, and a preliminary budget will be reviewed at the April meeting. The Fish Fry was evaluated and reported \$2,070 profit.

○ **Liturgy/Faith Formation**

In-person classes and breaking bread speakers have resumed. The Parish Advisory Council members have been invited to read and record Stations of the Cross following mass on Sunday, March 20. March 27<sup>th</sup> breaking bread speaker will be Elena Harrington, speaking about her perspective on the war in Ukraine (she has family there). Server Training will take place on March 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 and on April 3 at 9:30. Tess will be drafting the Living the Promise Grant Application. Requests for granted funding for Pre-school thematic bins including story, craft, song, activities. The adult portion of the grant will request funding for a portable projection screen, Roku boxes and necessary computer adapters.

**ACTION:** Tess will post Server Training announcements in the bulletin.

○ **Parish Life**

The Easter Vigil Reception will take place as a self-serve this year, not a packaged to-go bag. Several Parish Life members will be helping to prepare and serve lunch on the last day of Faith Formation classes. First Communion Mass will be on June 5<sup>th</sup>, a cake reception will be served by the Parish Life committee.

**ACTION:** Heidi will order the necessary meat, cheese, wine, crackers, etc. for the reception.

○ **Social Justice & Ministry**

No report.

\*Reminder: Committees should forward minutes and committee information to Julie.

Old Business:

- Music update: Copyright reporting and livestreaming licensing has been obtained. Joyce will be reporting monthly music selection usage. Brian will add the license number to our livestream recordings. Julie will utilize the ability to print music for the presider binder as well as worship aids.
- Database update: Forms are still being received. Slow process of going through and verifying information and answering requests. Progress is being made.

New Business:

- January Workshop Goals: The only goal unaccomplished is welcoming young families and encouraging the engagement of young people at our masses. **ACTION: ...**
- Joe Town Rocks fundraising/chairpersons meeting: Joyce will respond the St. Joseph parish as discussed in the Finance Council notes above. A brief discussion was had as a follow-up to the recent email discussion on this topic, there was agreement that this event would not be best for our parish. **ACTION: Joyce will contact Steve and Bruce with our response. We will encourage any of our parishioners to volunteer at JoeTown Rocks if they so choose.**
- Holy Week and Easter Vigil: Fr. Blane has been scheduled to be our presider for the Triduum. Weather permitting, the Triduum will take place outside the parish center. **ACTION: Julie will assemble binders of details/readings/preparations/volunteers and schedule a review with Tess, Brian and Fr. Blane.**
- Synod: Fr. Ian gave a brief description of the Synod process. Tess mentioned an upcoming group listening session via Zoom and a link was sent to Advisory Council members to take the self-guided online survey via the St. Cloud Diocese website. **ACTION: members were encouraged to share the invitation for everyone to either attend a Listening Session or take the Self-guided online survey.**

Adjourn: Greg

Next Meeting: April 21, 2022, 7:00pm

**The Joint ACC Council will meet on Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in St. Joseph (Heritage Hall).**

*How does our meeting agenda support our Parish Mission Statement and our objectives?*