



**St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 21st, 2019**

PPC Members Present: Jim Kueterman, Mike Stucke, Bruce Batty, Kathy Catrone, Kevin Hartke, Judy Kleman Leshner, Dale Voisard, Norn Shearer and Mary Chafin

Hospitality: Jim Kueterman provided hospitality for the meeting.

Adult Faith Formation: Mike Stucke presented the adult faith formation.

Jim Kueterman welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending, and the meeting was called to order at 7:16 pm.

PPC Minutes: Acceptance of minutes postponed until the April 2018 meeting.

Ministry Reports:

Needy Basket: Jim Sommer reported that the Needy Basket program started in 1946. The program currently serves 352 families (1150 individuals). There are approximately 1370 requests for assistance; the average is 4 visits per year. The program has distributed 329,000 lbs. of food and miscellaneous items. Besides donations, food is purchased from Shared Harvest Food Bank and Feeding America, at a well negotiated price. The Christmas Program distributed 203 baskets including food, toys and gift cards. The assembly and distribution is accomplished with the help of many volunteers. Residency and income guidelines as well as family size help to determine what is granted to each person or family. The Needy Basket is supported by St. John's parish, St. Vincent, youth group pancake breakfast and a portion of proceeds from our festival. They apply for grants to support the Christmas baskets, and share surplus with other local pantries.

Cemetery Committee: Dale Voisard stated that prices are as follows: section 1 (68 available) and section 2 (20 available) are \$275 per plot. Section 3 has just opened and plots sell for \$375. Opening and closing the grave is \$450. The cemetery is open to all parishioners, past and present and their immediate families. The committee maintains the land and grave sites, pours footers for the monuments. They are also responsible for maintaining accurate records of dates and occupants of the grave sites. They clean up the flowers, mow grass and trim as needed. Contact Dale Voisard or any committee member to purchase a plot.

Liaison Reports:

Finance Council: Norm Shearer presented a handout (see attached) from the finance committee meeting. Norm informed the committee that interest on our deposit is 2.62%. If a loan is requested, the interest rate is 6.0%. We received a \$30,000 bequest on

12/31/2018. It was requested that the money is used to help people, as he was helped in life. The first \$5,000 of a bequest is free of assessment; the balance is subject to diocesan assessment. This assessment is charged on all income. The CMA is \$15,889 over our goal, so we will receive just under \$8,000 returned to the parish. The committee is unsure how the diocese comes to the amount that is set as our goal. The parish family count is somewhat inflated, not sure what that number is based on. The One Faith, One Hope, One Love campaign is running behind the pledged goal at this time. This was a 5 year pledge, and circumstances may have changed for people. The campaign is in its last year, so all pledges may not be in yet. Norm also reported that after discussion, the committee has decided that their meetings are not "open", but if a parishioner is interested in attending, they can request and be put on the agenda to attend. This is due to the sometimes sensitive nature of their discussions. They will begin to post minutes on the website going forward.

Evangelization and Catechesis Commission: No Report

Worship Commission Report: No Report

Youth Representative Report: No Report

D.E.C. Report: Deacon Chuck reported through Jim that the ECC is sending out Parish Welcome Packets to all new families when they register with the parish. They sent out 20 (ish) in 2017 and 12 in 2018. Kathy provided a packet for the committee to peruse. PSR is going well. There are 23 young people in the Communion class this year. The St. John Statue program is under way; the sign up stand is located in the narthex. Families sign up for a week of family prayer. Operation Rice Bowl will begin in about 2 weeks at the start of Lent.

Youth Ministry Report: No Report

Pastor's Report: Fr. Marc's brother passed away this evening, so he is not in attendance. We were provided a copy of the results from the follow up survey. Kathy passed out the copies to the council members for perusal. The results will be discussed at a later meeting. The comments seem to be positive and uplifting. It was discussed that the ushers ask the gift carriers to carry the offerings all the way up on the altar to assist Fr Marc. Kathy advised the council that Fr is in a tremendous amount of pain, and it would really help if they would just walk right up.

Round Robin: Kevin Hartke stated that he sees a difference in Masses with Fr. Rob and the other visiting priests. These visitors bring another perspective and contrast Fr. Marc. The council talked about the one year plan, but it was decided that without Fr Marc at the meeting we should hold off on decisions. Mike Stucke asked about the fish fry. Dale Voisard gave the following dates for the K of C Fish Fry as 3/15, 3/29 and 4/12. The dinner runs from 5:00 to 7:00. The profit on these events is approximately \$3000. Some K of C members have stated that there should be healthier food offerings, such as salad bar. The dinner sells out of food on a regular basis, serving upwards of 250 people. Dale has asked for a co-chair if possible. There has been no volunteer. There is a lot of work involved, the day of the fry, preparation starts at noon. There are a group of retired guys available to help with the prep work. It was advised that the youth group members can assist in serving, picking up trays and clean up. Jim Kueterman asked for volunteers for Coffee and Donuts on 3/03/2019. Bruce Batty and Dale Voisard volunteered for 8:00 Mass and Kevin Hartke, Mike Stucke and Jim Kueterman will cover 10:30 Mass. Bruce Batty advised the council that Dennis Seger, a former parishioner passed away, as well as Fr Bill Meyer. He requested that we keep them, as well as Fr. Marc's brother Dan Sherlock in our prayers.

Ministry Reports for Next Meeting:

- Card Ministry
- K of C

Bruce Batty will provide hospitality for the April 9th, 2019 meeting. Mike Stucke will present Adult Faith Formation, and Jim Kueterman will provide the Closing Prayer of Gratitude.

Kevin Hartke closed the meeting with a Prayer of Gratitude.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Next Meeting: April 9th, 2019

Respectfully Submitted:

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Mary H. Chafin, Recording Secretary