

St. John the Baptist Parish Council

September 22, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Parish Office

Members Present: Kent Bindl, Dennis Erdly, Scott Flood, Dan Francis, Mark Gumm, Pat Moriarity, Beth Olsen, Kurt Schermacher, Kristin Strehlow, Father Van Beek, Lisa Schoneman (Business Manager), Mike Svitter (Trustee), Jerry Moriarity (Trustee), Craig Morris (SBC Liaison), Lisa Oldenburg (SJB Principal)

Members Absent: None

Chairperson Dan Francis called the meeting to order at 7:02PM

Pat Moriarity gave the opening reflection.

Introduction of Principal Lisa Oldenburg - Dan F. welcomed Principal Lisa Oldenburg to SJB. All council members introduced themselves. Lisa is pleased to be at SJB and asked if there were any questions. Mark G. asked for assistance with the Long Range Planning committee with regards to the education side. The school is starting with "Year 1" with the accreditation requirements since there is no existing long range plan for the school.

Motion to approve the Agenda with addition of Archdiocesan Pastoral Council in Pastor's report by Kristin S. (Dennis E.)

Motion to approve the May 2011 Minutes by Kurt S. (Mike S.)

Correspondence - None

New Business – None

Treasurer's Report – Jerry Moriarity

- Jim Krautkramer has resigned as Business manager. Lisa Schoneman will be Business Manager. Budget, reporting and certified financial requirements will be shared by Pat M., Jerry M. and Lisa S.
- Monthly Treasurer's Report will try to highlight trends
- Council review YTD vs. Yr. Ago & Budget.

Committee Reports

Committee Assignments Finalized

- Chairperson – Dan Francis
- Vice-Chairperson – Dennis Erdly
- Secretary – Kristin Strehlow
- Human Concerns – Beth Olsen,
 - Sue Lawn will continue with SCIO and Welcome Table.
- Finance – Pat Moriarity (chair), Kent Bindl, Scott Flood, Kurt Schermacher, Trustees Jerry Moriarity & Michael Svitter, and non-council member: Judy Heun
 - Investment Subcommittee – Trustee Jerry Moriarity (chair), non-council members: Kyle Linzmeyer, Dave Majerus, Dennis Schweiger, Warren Wieser
 - Fundraising Subcommittee - open
- Buildings & Grounds – Trustee Jerry Moriarity and non-council members: Scott Dedlow, Dick Fellenz, Steve Mahloch, Dave Majerus, Charlie Meyer, Warren Wieser (chair), and John Zimmerman.
- Christian Formation – Father Van Beek (chair) and non-council members: DeWayne Gideon (Dir. Of RE) and Therese Barrington (Youth Ministry)
 - APC – Mike Svitter
- Long Term Planning – Dennis Erdly, Mark Gumm, Beth Olsen & non-council member: Dick Brisson (chair)
- Road America – Trustee Michael Svitter (liaison), Trustee Jerry Moriarity, Lisa Schoneman and non-council member: Frank Kraus
- Food Pantry – non-council member: Dave Majerus (liaison).

School Board Committee – Craig Morris

- SBC needs overall vision and guidance from council on Long Range Planning for the school.
 - *Decision to start LRP fresh with Lisa O and develop plan and then work with the council Long Range Planning committee to incorporate school plan.*
- Discussion on school enrollment goals vs. financial ability to sustain enrollment numbers.
- Technology conversion
 - An outside firm came in to analyze our technology “back room” (servers, infrastructure, etc.).
 - *Their findings should be part of the council’s Long Range Plan.*

Human Concerns – Beth Olsen

- DeWayne Gideon should be contacted regarding the Welcome Table schedule so that High School Religious Education students can earn service hours.
- United Way Discount Cards should be available in the Parish office.
 - *Dan will get extras for Lisa S.*
 - *Lisa S should put a notice of card availability in the bulletin.*

Long Range Planning – Mark Gumm

- Dick and Mark will meet next week so the following is only a preliminary structure of the LRP.
 - Financial Health - Endowments, Investments, Membership
 - Religious Education - Youth ministry & Religious Education classes
 - Academic Education – Technology, Gifted, & Enrollment
 - Building & Grounds
 - Christian Outreach
 - Employment Capabilities – skills assessments, performance, development
- Goal is to have monthly updates and feedback from council
- Timeline is to have LRP by Priest Transition

Finance – Pat Moriarity

- Annual Parish Report Reviewed – Key Points
 - Weekly Giving is down
 - Special Contributions are up
 - Fundraising is down (auction proceeds split between years)
 - Unemployment is up (our cushion is down, but expected to be back up again)
 - Unrestricted Investments is down
- Annual Audit of Hot Lunch Program and Scrip Program are all in order.

Building & Grounds – Jerry Moriarity

- Playground resurfacing was success and looks great.
- Hop scotch and 4-square grids are big hit!

Parish Business Management – Lisa Schoneman

- 150th Celebration was a success
 - Thanks to the committee and all the volunteers for the day
 - Liturgy was wonderful
 - Kudos to Scott Dedlow
 - Kudos to Lisa Schoneman from the council
- Parish Directory publication is behind schedule
 - Lisa S & Katie Kleiber are working on getting it finished by end of the year
- Reviewed the SJB Fundraising Policy
 - It will be sent to all parish & school groups
 - Fundraising Calendar will start again
 - Lisa O will regulate school fundraising
 - Help needed to distribute the Super Raffle tickets before and after masses.

Christian Formation – Father Van Beek

- The two parishes are coming closer together due to Therese Barrington
- Two new people at St. Thomas in Director of Religious Education position
- SJB and STA Confirmation retreat will be together this year.
- Therese B is getting involved at schools during lunch times – this is very good.
- APC - Evangelization
 - 3 year plan from Archdiocese to emphasize Evangelization and reach those who move into the community or have fallen away from the church.
 - As Catholics we see opportunities, but the process of evangelization is not easy
 - We need awareness from our council
 - *This is an opportunity to learn so please review the information distributed.*

Pastor's Report – Father Van Beek

- Father's request for resignation has been accepted – June 19, 2012 is official date.
- There is a Deacon candidate from SJB who will begin his studies.
- There are 3 more people interested, but 2 work 2nd shift and the 5 year training program is only on Thursday nights. Father has brought this up to diocese.

Acknowledgements – Beth Olsen

- 150th Celebration helpers
- Father Van Beek
- Parish Council Members
- Dr. Dan – for straightening Father out!
- Past Council Members – next month

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Pat M. (Dennis E.) at 8:40PM

Final Prayer by Father Van Beek.

Respectively submitted by Secretary, Kristin Strehlow