

St. John the Baptist Parish Council

October 27, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Parish Office

Note: Unapproved minutes. Minutes become official only after approval at next meeting.

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),

Special Guest: Therese Barrington (SJB/STA Youth Minister)

Members Absent: Dennis Erdly, Mark Gumm, Kurt Schermacher

Chairperson Dan Francis called the meeting to order at 7:00PM

Scott Flood gave the opening reflection.

Introduction of Youth Minister Therese Barrington

Dan F. welcomed Therese to the meeting. All council members introduced themselves. Therese gave an overview of her Faith Formation position including the difference between Youth Minister (activities) and the Director of Religious Education (curriculum). She explained the many different aspects of her involvement with families and students both at SJB and within the Religious Education department.

- Service activities within the church (i.e., painting the SJB bathrooms)
- Ecumenical program at Riverview School during student lunch period
- SCORE (Sheboygan County Organization for Religious Education)
- Welcome Table
- Presence at different student activities (athletics, co-curricular, etc.)
- Networking is her primary avenue of interaction
- Young adults are more difficult to target, so Sheboygan County is starting a Facebook group to connect with them after high school.

Board applauded her efforts and offered any assistance

- *Religious Education teachers need to be trained on Smart Boards since blackboards and whiteboards are less prevalent in the classrooms.*

Discussion continued after Therese left about incorporating Therese's efforts into the Religious Education programs. There is concern over her workload. Faith in Our Future monies are sufficient to support her positions for the next 10-15 years.

Motion to approve the Agenda by Kristin S. (Scott F.)

Motion to approve the September 2011 Minutes by Scott F. (Beth O.)

Correspondence - None

New Business

School Marketing - Kristin S. informed board about the new school marketing committee who met with the Archdiocese rep to discuss the promotion and advancement of SJB school. Moving forward, the committee would like to collaborate with the Parish for the overall marketing and PR of the school and parish, as recommended by the Archdiocese marketing plan.

Treasurer's Report – Pat and Jerry Moriarity

Financial reports

- Covered different variances
- Note that unrealized market changes are not included in the reports
- Weekly giving is still down – final Faith in Our Future payments are expected now, so hopefully this is impact weekly giving positively

Fundraising report (Kent Bindl)

- Reviewed Home & School request for a "Human Gift Chain" toy drive– no issues
- Road America preliminary results are positive
 - 91 families worked at least 1 shift, 5 opted out. Remaining families will be sent a bill for the opt-out fee.
 - Approximately \$4600 to H&S which means the money stayed with SJB rather than being given to outside groups
- Request to consider "required" service and/or fundraising from school families.
 - Ad-hoc committee approved with representation from Parish Council (Kent B. & Kristin S), School Board (TBD), Principal (Lisa O.), Parish Administration (Lisa S.) and Home & School (TBD)
 - Tight deadline as any new procedure must be in place by start of registration in January.
- \$10 School Picture Fee discussed
 - Concerned raised by families regarding the additional fee on our students' school picture order forms
 - Additional fee has been in place for decades as a fundraiser for the school.
 - *Parish and school need to provide better disclosure of fees so that families understand them*
 - *Further discussion by board resulted in elimination of additional fee on school picture orders in future years.*

Committee Reports

School Board Committee – Craig Morris

- All SBC committees have met
- By-laws are being changed to better reflect the SBC's role in the school
- Technology upgrades are complete
- MAP testing has concluded
- Long Term Planning still needs to meet the PC's Long Term, but some ideas are already being discussed (i.e., online classes as a revenue source)

Human Concerns – Beth Olsen

- Welcome Table is hosting Thanksgiving dinner at St. John's Lutheran, 12-2PM
 - Cranberry Sauce and Fruit Cocktail donations needed by 10AM on Thanksgiving
 - Still looking for volunteers – contact Mary Steger or Sue Lawn
- SJB is hosting Welcome Table on November 29.
 - Fruit, Veggies and Desserts needed

Long Range Planning – no update

Finance – Pat Moriarity

- Scrip program is going very well - \$8000 so far this year.
- Child Care Billing system conversion is complete.

Building & Grounds – no update, meeting next week

Parish Business Management – Lisa Schoneman

- Fundraising Calendar does need to be re-instituted to prevent overlapping events.

Christian Formation – Father Van Beek

APC Update

- District 9 met in Falls. Mike S. attended. Group shared ideas on evangelization within our parishes.
 - Bring Catholics back to church
 - Bring Non-Catholics to church
 - Personal evangelization

- Catholics as a whole are perceived as not as welcoming, but our parish is working on it and Father Van Beek does see family spirit at SJB. Plus we are doing many of the things that others shared.
- It is a 3-year evangelization program from the Archdiocese. It is not a cookie-cutter program so we should take what works for us to meet the goals of evangelization.
 - *We need to include this directive in our Long Range Plan*
- Mike S. will attend the next meeting in February, but someone else needs to step up to attend future meetings (starting with the May meeting) and being the liaison between SJB and the evangelization program. This parish member does NOT need to direct/chair the evangelization program for SJB – s/he only needs to attend meetings and relay the information back to the Parish Council.
 - *Father would like each Parish Council member to give a name of someone in the Parish that could take on this role. Send names to Dan F. by Friday, November 4.*

Pastor's Report – Father Van Beek

At request of Dan F., Father reviewed the process for priest replacement within the Archdiocese.

- Any priest who will move (request transfer, request retirement or request stay) must make request by October.
- List of open parishes is published in November (Thanksgiving time)
- Priests who are moving can request an open parish.
 - Father does have input as a Dean
- Decision on exact locations is announced the first week of May.
- Transfer occurs the third Tuesday in June (June 21, 2012)
- SJB will get a priest due to our size and funding

Acknowledgements – Beth Olsen

- Therese Barrington
- Mary Kay Evans & Sue Lawn as Past Council Members (John Conley was recognized when he left earlier)

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Beth O. (Mike S.) at 8:30PM

Final Prayer by Father Van Beek.

Respectively submitted by Secretary, Kristin Strehlow