

# **St. John the Baptist Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**

## **June 15, 2016**

### **Parish Conference Room**

*\*\* Note: Minutes are unofficial until approved at next Pastoral Council Meeting*

Members Present: Kent Bindl, John Mueller, Keith Ott, Tom Paul, Joel Pierce, Kristin Strehlow, Father Phil (Parish Administrator), Bill Barbieur (Trustee), Don Sager (Trustee), Lisa Schoneman (Business Manager)

Member Absent: Ann Gamoke, Mark Gumm, Mike Sokol

### **The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by John Mueller**

### **Reflection by John Mueller**

### **Approve May 2016 Minutes**

- Motion to approve by Joel Pierce (Kent Bindl)
- Approved

### **Finance Report – Tom Paul**

- Finance Council met on May 26, 2016
- Finance Council Membership adjusted
  - Both Trustees will be on FC (vs. just 1)
  - 2 Members of the PC will be on FC (vs. just 1)
  - Adding an Ad-Hoc member – Patty Huberty

*Kent suggested that a School Board Member be another Ad-hoc FC member*

- Subcommittee Structure will be discussed at June 28 meeting
  - Current subcommittees are Investment, Buildings & Grounds and Cemetery.
  - Technology is a current SJB committee but not under Finance and it should be
  - Add Personnel committee?
- There will be Finance presentations to the PC / SBC.
  - General overall to PC / SBC
  - More specific school focus to SBC and other school groups (H&S)
- Finalized Budget for 2016-2017 fiscal year (handout given)
- Communications Director position
  - There are funds earmarked for this position as a good faith effort to make it work
  - Would be contract based vs. PT/FT employee
  - Parish wide vs. just school

*There is concern from PC about this being a task based position.*

- *What are the expectations of this position?*
- *Who determines the "task"? Do we have anyone that can really do this?*
- *What is the end state that signifies a task is completed?*
- *To whom does this position report?*
- *Can this really be a contract position since we've had such a difficult time determining what is actually needed up to this point?*

- School Budget
  - Endowment portion was increased
  - School fundraising does need to increase
  - Parish support is edging closer to 40%.

## Committee Reports

### **School Board Committee – Joel Pierce**

- Discernment of Membership – Ben Miller is replacing Ann Torrison
- Exemplary Distinction Earned – valid for 5 years. Banners are ordered
- Accreditation will be finalized in fall 2016.
- Mural will be ready in Fall – August 27/28 following Masses will be unveiled.
- Generations – contacting them for increased collaboration
- Survey to 3K/4K/5K – results are promising
- Feasibility Reports are coming in
- 3-5 year old Musical for Tots program starting (Jen Erdly) – open to all residents
- Iowa Testing was positive
- LRP – Melissa Meyer is waiting for PC to contact her. She should be included.
- Technology – Nathan Ott joined. David Enders leaving. All Equipment has been tagged!
- Policy Committee – reviewing wearable technology (i.e., smart watches)
- 2017 Auction – March 18, 2017 – Blue Harbor
- Home & School – reviewing policy
- 5K Run/Walk – on hold
- Officers – Matt Mooney, Chair; Bill Schaeffer, Vice Chair; Melissa Meyer, Secretary

### **Human Concerns Committee – Nothing**

### **Faith Formation Committee – Nothing**

### **Liturgy & Worship Committee – Nothing**

### **Stewardship & Evangelization Committee – Nothing**

### **Strategic Planning Committee – next meeting is July 12.**

### **Old Business**

- Pastoral Associate Position
  - There is a candidate starting Part-Time on July 1 – Roseanne Krueger
  - Will be SJB primary and will help with bridging STA relationship.
- Communications Director – see Finance Report
- Website
  - Lisa Schoneman, Amy Nelson & Sun Graphics IT
  - RenWeb School Info System is replacing Sycamore – Better User Interface
  - Sun Graphics would help integrate & transfer info & train everyone
  - Ren Web & Website – August 2016

### **New Business - none**

## **Pastoral Report – Father Phil**

- Met with STA on June 14 to discuss where they are at and what they are feeling
- Much information is perception
  - SJB PC Actions was unilateral without STA consult
  - Upset with John & SJB PC for not reaching out
  - Father Dan was making progress
  - Don't understand the rationale for SJB's actions
  - SJB operates independently & arrogantly
  - STA & SJB should 2 distinct entities who share only a priest and no personnel & no ministries
- Father Phil handed out books: Joy of Love by Pope Francis. Chapter 4 is of special consideration.

### *PC Members discussed concerns*

- *We feel that we did reach out and were shut out.*
- *We have been very conscious of not "taking over" STA, making sure that everything we do is a suggestion for them to consider – not something they must do.*
- *We have not done things at SJB to prevent offending STA and their culture.*
- *We are NOT taking over STA – nor do we want to*
- *Perhaps STA is right that we need to operate as 2 separate entities because there are too many underlying differences and it simply is not a good "combo".*
- *There still needs to be unified communication regarding our shared priest.*
- *STA/SJB relations must take priority. If there is any possibility of meeting with them sooner than later, we need to do that.*
- *John Mueller will contact Ron Nielsen to ask for STA's help in drafting a statement regarding our shared priest to share with our parishes.*

## **Acknowledgements - none**

## **Prayer & Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn by Kent Bindl (Kristin Strehlow)
- Meeting Adjourned

## **Next PC Meeting – TBD**

Respectfully submitted by Kristin Strehlow