

**St. John the Baptist Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2016
School Conference Room**

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

Members Present: Kent Bindl, Mark Gumm, John Mueller, Keith Ott, Tom Paul, Joel Pierce, Mike Sokol, Kristin Strehlow, Father Phil (Parish Administrator), Bill Barbieur (Trustee), Tom Cornell (outgoing Trustee), Don Saeger (incoming Trustee), Lisa Schoneman (Business Manager)

Members Absent: STA Representative

Parishioners Present: Amy Albers, Richard Burbach, Scott Dedlow, Mary Ditter, Dan Francis, Erin Gross, Kathy Halloran, Katie Kleiber, Carol Molkenhine, Marlene Schueffner, Josette Svitter, Michael Svitter, 1 more (inlegible signature)

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

Reflection by Bill Barbieur

Approve March 2016 Minutes

- Motion to approve by Joel Pierce (Mike Sokol)
- Approved

Finance Report – Tabled

Pastoral Report - None

Committee Reports

School Board Committee – Tabled

Human Concerns Committee – Tabled

Faith Formation Committee – Tabled

Liturgy & Worship Committee – Tabled

Stewardship & Evangelization Committee – Tabled

Strategic Planning Committee – Tabled

Old Business – Tabled

New Business

- Introduction of Father Phil Reifenberg – SJB/STA Parish Administrator
 - His position is temporary – there is no timeline. This could be 6 months or 1 year or whatever is necessary.
 - He will work with existing staff and councils
 - There will be no major changes – his job is to keep things running and ensure there are priests to handle the liturgical needs of both parishes.

- Membership Discernment & Trustee Election
 - Council members ran unopposed so all will continue with their second terms – Ann Gamoke, Mike Sokol & Tom Paul
 - Don Saeger ran unopposed for opening Trustee position
 - Tom Cornell gave his immediate resignation
 - Don accepts his position effective immediately
- No STA Representative at this meeting
 - Red was originally scheduled to attend. He was invited by John & Kristin, but declined. They re-encouraged him to attend, but he responded with an email which was read at the meeting.
 - All council members agreed that attending each other's meeting is critical to moving forward. We want and need to keep communication lines open and these meetings are a good step.
 - Council members want to keep the June joint meeting on the schedule. We hope that it can occur.

Meeting Open to Floor

- There were many parishioners who attended the meeting and the floor was opened to comments and questions. John indicated that we would answer any questions as honestly as we could without violating confidentiality.
- Kathy Halloran, Michael Svitter, Dan Francis, Marlene Scheuffner, Josette Svitter, and Dick Burbach, Scott Dedlow, Bill Barbieur, and Mark Gumm spoke from the floor.
- General comments / concerns
 - Overwhelming support for the SJB pastoral council and SJB staff.
 - Father John is a great pick – loving and engaging. He is what can help our parish heal.
 - Whomever is our priest moving forward, his presence is needed in our school and in our religious education classes.
 - Transparency in our actions
 - Concern over STA's attitude
 - Concern on Father Dan's attitude with many of our parishioners
 - Concern over the need to be "cautious" when working with Father Dan.
 - Loss of key employees
 - The Parish is our family
 - The ministries are losing steam without a Pastoral Associate
 - The children and the school are the life of our parish and they have not always been handled effectively.
 - Strong desire and concerted effort to work with STA yet keep their identity and SJB identity.
- Parishioners attending left for closed session

Closed Session

Acknowledgements

- Thank you to Tom Cornell for his service over the last 2 years as Trustee

Prayer & Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by Bill B (Kristin S)
- Meeting Adjourned

Next PC Meeting – June 14, 2016 – 7PM – John Mueller - Reflection

Respectfully submitted by Kristin Strehlow