

**St. John the Baptist Parish
915 Ivory Street
Seymour, Wisconsin**

***Annual Parish Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2016
11:00 am***

Attending: Ray and Bonnie Leisgang, Paula Helms, Earl and Sharon Marcks, Jim and Jeannie Gillis, Karen Hallada, Margaret and Clarence Smet, Jane and Stephen Buch, Dick Lubinski, Evelyn Lubinski, Mary Klass, Rosemary and Don Vanden Heuvel, Pat and Anna Schadie, John and Jill Mahlik, Jeff and Karen Reed, Louie and Kathy Baumgartner, Paul and Deanna Grimm, Perry Pierre, John Kurczek, Pete and Helen Wachtendonk, Jo Machacek, Jennie Huettl, Larry Vanden Heuvel, Father Brian Belongia

1. Opening prayer: Fr. Brian
2. Financial Statement Review
 - We are in good shape, no major expenditures
 - We will need to make up the shortfall for the Bishop's Appeal
 - Script sales are used to support mission trips, religious education, and the blue books (suggestion made for Helen to include notices for script sales and Father could mention at the masses.
 - Question regarding what the "Little Flower" (Diocese Corporation) \$20,000 amount is. It is our assessment used for schools. Where the Bishops Appeal is for outreach.
 - Question regarding if we had our CDs at one institution. They are not and question needing clarification on "Cash in Bank – Checking": Includes checking and money market together.
3. Our loose collections go to a fund. If someone wants something to go to another fund, please note it on the donation.
4. We are always looking for capable people to help out: please see Father Brian if interested.
5. Changes coming up next year:
 - Deacon Paul and Deanna Grimm are leaving
 - Helen retiring in June. Will starting looking for her replacement in January so we can allow training time for the new person with Helen.
 - Need to set up a program for maintenance needs: cemetery, grounds, and church
6. Father Brian would like to allow more time to be available here; responsibilities with the Diocese position are becoming more efficient to make that a possibility.

7. **Pete Wachtendonk would like a procedure set up regarding lending out our tables and chairs stating you would need to bring your own people to pick them up and returning them.**
8. **Father Brian suggested for our members to bring up any ideas they may have to any of the parish council members.**
 - **Father suggested putting the names of everyone from the different councils in the bulletin so people know whom to approach.**
9. **The question was asked what do you like about our parish? It's home, welcoming, the choir, and the camaraderie.**
10. **Closing prayer: Father Brian.**