

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

***Parish Council Minutes  
December 7, 2017  
6:30 pm***

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Present: Fr. Brian Belongia, Andy Patz, Amy Linsmeyer, Jill Ullmer, John Kurczek, Mike Blohm, Ray Leisgang, Jonathon Krull, Jennie Huettl

Opening prayer: Andy Patz

1. Fr. Brian gave an update on the various committees and their status. Need ways to promote the Christian Women group. If you have any ideas, please let Fr. Brian know. Christian Women is open to all women that are a member of the parish. It was suggested to have the committee members coming back to the Parish Council meetings. If they keep us updated, more people will know what is all taking place. Any ideas brought up at the Parish Council meeting can be channeled to the appropriate committee. Committees need to clearly define what the roles and responsibilities are. Opinions vary on what committee members think their committee does.

2. The goal is bring people to Jesus and contributing. They should list three things they would like to focus on. They can bring the Parish Council their ideas and then the Council can give them direction. Highlight in the bulletins describing what each committee actually does and a contact name. Helen or Mary Kemp can talk regarding Christian Women. Fr. Brian to talk to Andy Huettl; Environmental – Fr Brian to talk to Mary Claire; Welcome Committee – not officially off the ground. Have them list everything they are handling to review. You don't have to be on a committee to help out. You can help on portions of it.

3. Music Ministry: May need to be creative. How do we go ahead from here? Needs to be familiar with liturgical music and style. This is usually a paid position, at least 15 hours a week. Parish Council to recommend to the Finance Council. Any possibility a music intern from St. Norbert's could assist?

4. Parish Council to present to the Finance Council: Capital improvement project (for campaign). Keep this in the back of our minds. Youth minister: Getting them involved (family game day, picnic at Shawano Park, bus trip to New Zoo, Bay Beach Park, etc.) Possible retreat at Camp Tek to build on the energy. Will need to look at finances. Put together a short ad hoc committee. Fr. Brian, Mary Carter and Lee Rynish to look at. We need to start slow and build it up and get it going. See if the Finance Council could help support; for example, bus trips. Possible teaming up with Green Bay, Appleton, Freedom parishes.

Alpha program coming up soon. Kick-off in the fall for the parishes. Parish staff and leaders attend first.

Make sure to like the St. John's Facebook page and posts. List on our page what the kids are involved in (band, sports, etc.).

Closing Prayer to St. John the Baptist by Andy Patz.

Next scheduled meeting:  
February 1 at 6:00 pm in the school, meet for a half hour,  
then at 6:30 pm meet with the Finance Council.