

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

***Parish Council Minutes  
March 22, 2018  
6:30 pm***

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Present: Father Brian Belongia, Mike Blohm, Jennie Huettl, Jonathon Krull, Amy Linsmeyer, Andy Patz, Jill Ullmer

Absent: John Kurczek, Ray Leisgang

Opening prayer: Father Brian Belongia

1. Music Ministry position: The Finance Committee is open to go forward with looking for a music ministry person. Fr Brian will be soliciting Silver Lake or St. Norbert's for a possible intern to share their talents. Fr. Brian expressed appreciation for all of Sam and Jo's help in the music ministry.

We have some finance and parish council members whose term will be ending in July.

2. The March Massness event went over very well. It was published well on Facebook. In appreciation, the Parish Council will have pizza for the RE kids that helped on Sunday, April 8 at 6:00 pm. Parish Council members are encouraged to attend and listen to ideas/directions of the Religious Education students. Andy Patz will check with Mary Carter on number of students that would be in attendance.
3. It would be nice to hear from the other committees to see what's going on so we are not duplicating efforts. We may need to change the Camp Tekakwitha outing to a different day due to a conflict. Father Brian's Bowling event is scheduled for April 22, \$6 per person. The Wednesday after Easter they will be moving the office over to the school. The school office is open from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. Paula will be in the church office from 8:00-9:00 am. Fr. Brian thanked Lee for all of his efforts. The new phone system has been working great.
4. We should have a varied age group on the Parish Council. The goal is to lead and guide the parish. The parish council needs to be cross-functional. The parish will be going through strategic missionary planning and capital campaign in about a year. The Parish Council Chairman's duties include: setting up an agenda, guiding the meeting and follow-up on projects. Fr. Brian can collaborate with putting together an agenda. Ideally, the agenda should be sent out two weeks in ahead of time. The group's responsibility is to present ideas and put good people in charge. Everything needs to be clearly defined. A representative from each committee should attend the Parish Council meeting to report what the committee is working on. There currently are four committees: Christian Services, Christian Women, Environment and Welcome. Are they any Parish Council Bylaws? Fr. Brian and Jill will collaborate on job descriptions. It was agreed a youth committee needs to be formed. This is a proposed group.
5. Parish Pilgrimage on June 13, 2018. Will be leaving at 8:00 am, going to the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help and then after lunch to St. Nazianz. \$30 includes lunch and you will get \$5 off if you bought the 150<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Diocese book.
6. Prayer volunteer for the next meeting is Amy Linsmeyer.

Closing prayer by Father Brian.