

Parish Council Meeting September 17, 2019

Present: Jill Ullmer, Anna Schadrie, Tom Romanowski, Fr . Sengole Dass,
Jennie Huettl

Absent: Amy Linsmeyer

Opening Prayer: Fr. Sengole Dass

- Introductions
- Review of last meeting with Fr. Dass
- Approval of August 26, 2019 meeting minutes
- Tabled Amy's review of Christian Services to the October 15 Parish Council meeting
- Clarification of the terms mission and vision. Mission is how will you do it, vision is what we are doing and for who. St. John's mission statement: We, the members of St. John the Baptist, will, like our patron, St. John the Baptist, attempt to live lives, individually and as a parish community, that point people to the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ (John 1:29)
- We can refer to policies from the Diocese Parish Council document for guidance. To listen and respond to the Holy Spirit, facilitating the parish needs.
- We need more clarity of the committees and to think of more ways to get people active in the parish. Here's what we want to do and here's what you can do to help.
- New programs should be presented to Father Dass and the Parish Council for review before announcing to the parish (Genesis to Jesus). Parish Council is here to help support the committees.
- We would like to have a committee member come to the Parish Council meeting to let us know what they are working on.
 - Christian Women – three of them
 - Christian Services – just the main committees. A report of what they are working on (template)

- What is needed to do when a gift is given to the parish? Do we need approval from the Diocese?
- How to enforce areas that need our support. What are the areas and prioritize them. Create deadlines and to-do's.
- Christian Services outline – subcommittee of Parish Council, need to follow chain of command. Amy will share what she discovered.
- Parish Council to keep in align with what is the parish's mission statement. We do not need to have our own statement.
- Parish Council to put together a plan making sure we have a committee person and/or report and to run any new programs through us. Amy to reach out to them for reports from the committees. (Andy, Mary, Mary Claire, and Cathy Rydzewski)
- Worship Committee – does that include decorating? Jennie to check with Office of Divine Worship where decorating falls under. Ladies of worship - organists – Anna to check with.
- Cleaning the church – kids can get their volunteer/community service hours in.
- Jennie to put together a template for committee reporting. Tom and Jennie to work together on.
- Define for our parish the charts (from Diocese Parish Council document).

Closing Prayer: Fr. Dass