

ST. JOHN'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2020

Present: Connie Wees, Pauline Pesek, Rachael Urban, Pat Costello, Deacon Tom Manhart, John Leise and Peggy Staup, Don Peters, Pam McCarville and Fr. Gnirk.

Excused: Vince Kirby

The meeting began with a prayer.

The minutes of January 7 were accepted.

Connie Wees led the discussion about a Welcoming Catholic Community and developing and providing a welcoming space and place. The conversation seemed to be in agreement that our parish is indeed a welcoming place and the new addition will reinforce that. I will offer an opportunity for more Faith Formation programs, some which may be specifically for parents. Low participation in ministries or activities is a weakness in our Spirit of Generosity.

Pat Costello reported on plans for the Ministry Fair planned for March 1. There will be 14 ministries represented. Each will have sign-up sheets for those interested in being involved. This is in conjunction with donut Sunday.

Regarding the land sale, the lawyers for both parties are in conversation.

Site Blessing and ground breaking for the new construction is scheduled for March 15 at 11 AM, after the 10:00 Mass. High Schools tuition grants will be on the March agenda. The proposal from the Knights about quarterly family recognition was discussed. Family should be defined so that singles and couples with children no longer at home can be included.

In Other Business, the request from St. Barbara's Melkite church in Houston to present their church building project and sell Jerusalem artifacts at weekend Masses was denied because of our building project and also because we already have a rep to sell Jerusalem artifacts. St. John's microphones may be obsolete because those frequencies have been sold. Consensus was to wait and see if there are issues with the mics and if so then replace them. The new money counting procedure was also discussed.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

Next meeting is March 24, 2020 at 7 PM.