

ST. JOHN'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

Present: Pam McCarville, Rachael Urban, Pat Costello, John Leise, Vince Kirby, Don Peters, Peggy Staup, Brenda Theissen, Deacon Tom Manhart and Fr. Gnirk.

Excused: Connie Wees and Pauline Pesek

The meeting began with a prayer.

The minutes of August 27 were accepted with the caveat that the date be changed from September 27 to August 27.

Fr. Gnirk distributed a copy of our 5 year plan. The Council focused on the 1 year Planning Guide. The Council discussed Welcoming Community. It was suggested that there be a welcoming for newcomers. Someone suggested using Donut Sunday for the welcoming. Another suggested that the Council members invite newcomers to Donut Sunday and meet them there and introduce them to others. New members will be announced in the bulletin. Fr. Gnirk will also let parishioners know that they are welcome to attend parish meetings. Background checks are done on all teachers and volunteers working with children.

The Council discussed "Spirit of Generosity" section of the planning guide. Comments centered on the fact that St. John is indeed a generous parish: in the capital campaign, Archbishop's Annual Appeal, Sunday contributions, the last Archdiocese capital campaign as well as the activities we support on a monthly and annual basis. There are also the volunteer activities that parishioners and the Knights do, e.g. meal for Sienna/Francis House, furniture for Bethlehem House. There is a true spirit of generosity at St. John.

Next month the Council will look at "Spiritual Nourishment" and "Social Justice".

Fr. Gnirk gave an update on the building project. The architectural plans have been submitted to the Archdiocesan Building Committee. When approved, the financing of the project will be presented to the Archdiocesan Finance Council for approval. Hopefully groundbreaking can be Oct. 27 or Nov. 3. Fr. Gnirk also announced the receipt of a \$100,000 grant from the Sunderland Foundation.

Members were asked for topics to be discussed by the Council this year. No suggestions were made, but Fr. Gnirk asked members to think about it and email topics to him.

Fr. Gnirk informed the Council that he will be gone for a couple of weeks, traveling to the East Coast.

The meeting Adjourned with prayer.

Next meeting is Oct 22 at 7 PM.