

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
WAYNESBORO, VA
Parish Pastoral Council Minutes
November 13, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Present: Father Rolo Castillo, Peggy Bischof, Libby Hobbs, Marge March, Tracy LE, Joe Sprangel, Janine Blanchet, Lee Bares, Gail Noonan, Windi Ford, Maria Moore, Annabelle Mastrandea, Pam Harvey, and Sara Meade.

Not Present: Mason Hulen, Julie Chappell, and Eric Dixon

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were approved with revisions

Spiritual Formation: Windi led us on a reflection of Sunday's Gospel Mk 13:24-32 and then led us in a closing prayer.

Building Update: The site has gravel down and there is equipment on the site. Actual building is still held up due to heavy rain

Certificates of Recognition: Certificates still need signatures. If people are planning to attend the Parish Thanksgiving Dinner on November, they can sign before the dinner. If unable to attend, people can stop by the Parish Office on Wednesday, November 12 to sign the 4 certificates. Sign above your printed name with the pen that is provided. The certificates to be presented at the dinner will be one for Sarah Miller (presented by Joe Sprangel) and one for Mary Katherine Froehlich (presented by Windi Ford). Matthew Gordon will receive his certificate at the 5 p.m. Mass on November 17. Phil Thorpe will receive his at a later date as he is recuperating from surgery.

We need to be thinking of nominees for the next round of certificates to be presented at Mardi Gras in March, on Tuesday March 5, 2019. We will have the certificates ready to sign at the February 12 Parish Council meeting.

Committee Reports: Joe presented a report for the Reconciliation, Healing and Celebration Committee by doing a presentation on a method of working with group dynamics and goal planning with the acronym SOAR which stands for Strengths, Opportunities, Aspirations, Results. It will be the underlying structure and vision for the committees' approach to dealing with issues that people bring about the Parish as we invite them to group sessions to dialogue about the Parish and where we've been, where we are, and where we'd like to go. Joe shared how SOAR has worked in his experience as management personnel overseeing production in a work environment. He talked about how we might translate this to working with the Parish.

Marge Passed out minutes of the October 26 meeting of the Proclaim the Joy of our Catholic Identity Committee. They see more involvement with the ushers and have

talked to some former parish council members about the idea of greeters. There is the suggestion of having a sign-up sheet at the entry of the church for people interested in being greeters for a particular mass. They have decided not to do the Be My Witness videos in favor of having short written inserts in the bulletin. They talked about other ways people can participate, for instance, in the liturgical art and decoration of the church, not to take away from what is being done but to help the people already involved. There next breakfast meeting is Saturday, November 17 at 9:30 a.m. at Panera's. Lee offered the feedback that when looking for volunteer greeter we should probably begin with ourselves.

Gail shared that the Open Communications Committee did not meet. They are trying to get the names of people heading the internal ministries. The next step will be to obtain contact information.

New Business: Libby and Fr. Rolo discussed the presentation of a large wooden plaque with some photographs and an article about All Saints Day at St. John the Evangelical Church that the Staunton New Leader presented to the Parish offering to sell it for \$210. The idea of selling raffle tickets at \$5 a head at the Thanksgiving Dinner was discussed as a way to pay for the Plaque. Gail and Maria volunteered to help sell tickets.

Fr. Rolo announced an Ecumenical Bible study between St. John the Evangelical Church and Grace Lutheran to take place between 12 noon – 12:45 p.m. on 4 Wednesdays beginning the last Wednesday in November through the 3rd Wednesday in December. The material will be the Gospel readings for the first 3 Sundays in Advent and Pastor Paul Pingel will facilitate. BYO bag lunch!

Janine gave an update on the most recent meeting with the Elderly and Homebound Ministry. Bruce Fenton is going to retire from his activities in the homebound ministry. They want to do something special for him and asked if the Parish Council could come up with something. He expects to leave his activities sometime in January. The idea of a reception after the 11:30 Mass was mentioned. Libby will discuss this with Lorraine to get feedback from the staff.

Fr. Rolo brought the plaque over for all to see.

New Parishioner Registration:

Dec. 22/23	5 p.m. Windi, Marge	8:30 a.m. Gail, Pam
	11:30 a.m. Lee, Sara	

Spiritual Formation for December 4, 2018: Sara

Closing Prayer for December 4, 2018: Lee

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 .m.

Respectfully Submitted: Assistant Secretary, Sara Meade