

Blessed Trinity – Saint John Evangelist Joint Pastoral Council Meeting
St. John Evangelist Parish
Wednesday, September 27, 2023 – 6:30 PM

Attendance: Fr. Schmeckel, Bridgitt Zielke, Norma Horne, Chris Audino, Mary Jo Schultz, Scott Birenbaum, Sandy Jordan, Deb Hasler, Jim Klich, Tim Woodworth, Paul Garni, Sarah Schueffner, Rita Gast, Nick Cinquepalmi, Rich Tauferner

1. Opening Prayer led by Father Schmeckel.
2. Meeting Agenda was approved by consent.
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. August Minutes for Blessed Trinity (BT members): Minutes were approved by consent.
 - b. August Minutes for Saint John (SJE members):
 - Corrections: Rita should be listed as excused from the last meeting for a vacation; Three year terms: Paul and Nick, Two year terms: Carol and Rick
 - Minutes approved as amended by consent.
4. Old Business
 - a. Promotion of Women's Group - Supporting the kick-off
 - Fr. says the group is not drawing as many people as expected. Issues with the awkward time for families.
 - Ideas: announcements at Mass, consider meeting at the same time as TMIY, alternating with TMIY every other week
5. New Business
 - a. Mainstreet Days Parade Committee and Chair
 - December 2 at 4:30 parade starts, set-up begins around 3:30
 - Former chair is not available this year to chair
 - Historically, BT takes the lead on this but SJE supports as well
 - Discussion about getting Faith Formation kids from both parishes involved
 - b. Help for both parish events, volunteers
 - encourage volunteers to help at both parishes, each parish can reach out to the other parish if in need of help (Autumnfest, Winterfest, etc.)
 - c. Saint John Saturday ushers & head usher
 - BT ushers may be needed to help at SJE and vice versa for Saturday mass
 - d. Eucharistic Adoration
 - Started at SJE in October, weekly Thursdays, 6 AM to 9 PM, provided for both parishes
 - Can have a powerful impact on parishes and communities, promote and attend
 - e. Feedback for parish pilgrimage

- Father has been asked to lead a pilgrimage to Holy Land or another site;
positive feedback from the councils

- f. Seminarian Jacob Bruns

- Consider possible social welcome for the parishes to meet him

6. Administrator's Report

- No new additional business to report.

7. Closing Prayer led by Father Schmeckel.

Upcoming Dates:

October 25 – Saint John Pastoral Council Meeting

October 26 – Blessed Trinity Pastoral Council Meeting

November 11 – Autumn Fest at Blessed Trinity

November 30 – Joint Pastoral Council Meeting – Meal at 6:00 PM; Meeting at 6:30 PM

January 28 – Winterfest at Saint John (tentative)

Minutes submitted by Carol Marksteiner, SJE Council Secretary