

**St. John Evangelist and Blessed Trinity Parishes
Joint Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 25th, 2019**

Present: St. John Evangelist: Father Joe Dominic, Scott Misfeldt (Trustee), Tony Yetzer (Trustee), Bill Rutten, Audrey Waitkus, Lynn Miller, Lynn Justinger, Suzie Barrock. Blessed Trinity: Deb Hasler, John Russell, Steve Faust, Sabryn Bley (Youth Representative), Max Buechler (Youth Representative), Ruth Pedroni, Jim O'Neill, Paula Inda, Lynn Walvoort, Jerry Knier, John O'Dell, Sandy Jordan, Jessica Jensen, Donna Stieghorst, Kevin Regan

Opening Prayer: Father Joe Dominic

Introduction of Councils/Dinner/Fellowship: Lynn Justinger and Suzie Barrock

Review and Approve 6/25/19 Joint PC Agenda: Steve Faust moved to approve, Lynn Miller seconded. Motion carried.

Review and Approve 11/27/18 Joint Parish Council meeting minutes. Bill Rutten moved to approve, John O'Dell Seconded. Motion carried.

Catholic Life Center Update: John O'Dell gave a presentation on the Catholic Life Center. John started as the Director on 11/1/18. Since he has started the position of Director has decreased from 40 hours a week to 25-30. He also decreased the 2019-2020 budget 17% from 2018-2019. Participants in the CLC has grown steadily since 2016-2017. Several new initiatives have been started. He has asked the PC members to attend a program or event, volunteer, attend committee meetings and/or be "Cheerleaders" of the CLC. Activities are shared in the church bulletins, online and on Facebook. There was a discussion by Tony Yetzer and Deb Hasler about changing the name to reflect the mission versus the physical space. One suggestion was "Catholic Life Community". Father Joe indicated that we do need a physical space but the services the CLC provides are the most important part.

Joint Evangelization Committee Report: Suzie Barrock/Paula Inda. Paula reported on a county-wide evangelization effort that is currently being coordinated and will begin work in the fall. Anyone interested in serving on the committee should talk with Paula or Suzie.

Joint Parish Activities Report: Deb Hasler discussed the joint photo directory. At this time SJE wants to move forward with a digital directory as opposed to print. Jim O'Neill asked about the possibility of SJE Members being in the print version if they would prefer that. SJE will discuss that at their July meeting.

Formation of Parish Men's Group: Jim O'Neill attended the Men of Christ Conference in March with approximately a dozen men from both of our parishes. At that time, it was decided that a Men's group should form between the two parishes. The initiative is called "That Man Is You". We watched an informational video on this initiative. Currently

there is a core group of 7-9 men who are laying the groundwork and meeting weekly to bring this to fruition. Starting in the fall we will be offering a 13-week course for men on Saturdays at 7:00 a.m., and another section will start in January. The classes will be 90 minutes and will consist of breakfast, a video and a breakout group. Father Joe recommended showing the video at all masses one weekend in July to begin to raise awareness.

SJE Feast Day: Father Joe has selected Sunday, September 29th to serve as the Feast Day for SJE. This will consist of a Novena prayer leading up to it, and a religious procession on the day of. He has asked the Bishop to come that week on Wednesday, September 25th to help kick off the Feast Day procession and the beginning of Religious Education. More will be discussed about this at the next SJE Parish Council meeting.

Parish Security: Father Joe indicated the need for a Parish Security plan at both parishes. An option could be to close doors after Mass starts. Both BT and SJE have 5 doors. Bill Rutten works with groups developing these plans. This will be further discussed at the next SJE Parish Council meeting.

Administrator's Comments: Father Joe thanked all of the council members for their service. The next meeting of the Joint Parish Councils will be November 19th at Blessed Trinity- Dinner at 6, meeting at 6:30. He also indicated that there will be more re-grouping of the parishes in 2020- going from 203 to 193. We currently have 144 active priests, and 6-7 more will retire this year. Currently 50 men are in the seminary.

Closing Prayer: Father Joe led us in the Our Father.