

Saint James Parish
Pastoral Council Minutes
August 9, 2017

Meet and Greet: A pot luck dinner preceded the parish council meeting. This event enabled parish council members to meet parish staff. Pastoral Associate, Gerry Wolfe, presented talking points from Chapters 9 and 11 of Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus by Sherry A. Weddell. In the spirit of the text, we “broke the silence” in our table groups by volunteering stories of our relationship/encounters with a personal God, Jesus, the Spirit, and faith.

Call to Order: Chairperson, Kim Boho, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 pm.

Present: Parish Director, Deacon Sandy Sites; Pastoral Associate, Gerry Wolf; Trustees Paul Stevens and Ray Gross; Council Members Ellie Allen, Kim Boho, Pat Buehler, Joe Gonzalez, Matt Hoffa, John Walker, Terry Brecklin and Tim Khoury.

Excused: Jill Lehnen

New Members: New council members, Joe Gonzalez, Tim Khoury and Terry Brecklin were welcomed to the group. One additional new member may join the council in September.

New Website Design: Terri Weber presented a preview of the new parish website. The site is not yet “live” but she will send a link so that we can review it and provide feedback.

Parish Director Announcements: Deacon Sandy Sites, updated the council on the following matters:

1. There will be no morning mass whenever a funeral mass is scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. Those who normally attend the morning mass are invited to attend the funeral mass on those occasions.
2. The Archbishop will preside at a Mass of Celebration on September 17 at 10:30 am. Because of this special mass, there will be no 8:15 mass on September 17. The regular 4:30 Saturday evening mass will be held that weekend.
3. Outgoing parish council members will be recognized at a future liturgy. At that time, new and incumbent council members will also be introduced and blessed.
4. The parish is operating in a month-to-month basis and there is no cash reserve. All financial obligations are being met, however, a committee is investigating ways to raise additional funds, as well as build a reserve fund.

Discernment of Officers and Liaisons:

Pastoral Associate, Gerry Wolfe, facilitated the discernment process for new officers. This process led to a change in the officers' roles for 2017-18. In place of a chairperson and vice chair, two people will serve as co-chairs: Kim Boho and Pat Buehler. The benefit of shared leadership is that the practice will support continuity in leadership from year to year because the experienced co-chair will be able to mentor the new co-chair on the duties and responsibilities of the position. Terry Brecklin accepted the role of secretary.

Gerry Wolfe also facilitate the discernment process for Committee and Finance Council liaisons. The liaisons are:

- Activities: John Walker
- Christian Formation: Matt Hoffa and Tim Khoury
- Health Ministries: Jill Lehnen
- Finance Council: Pat Buehler and Joe Gonzalez
- Human Concerns: Ellen Allen and Joe Gonzalez
- Prayer and Worship: Terry Brecklin
- Stewardship: Kim Boho
- Building and Grounds: As per archdiocesan guidelines, this liaison will be selected by the Finance Committee because Building and Grounds is a subcommittee of that group.

The parish council photo board and website will be updated to reflect the changes in parish council membership.

Upcoming Events:

Mass of Celebration with the Archbishop: Sunday, September 17, 10:30 am

Annual Council/Staff Retreat: Saturday, February 10th, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm.

Next meetings:

All Committee Night - September 6 at 7:00 pm

Parish Pastoral Council - Wednesday, September 13 at 7:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned: Approximately 9:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Terry Brecklin
Secretary

Mission Statement

St. James is a vibrant, welcoming Catholic Community journeying towards the fullness of the Kingdom of God through worship, formation and service.