



**ST. JOAN OF ARC CHURCH
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MAY 7, 2019**

Members Present:

Rev. Gabriel Baltes, OSB
John Basile
Catherine Casolino
Susan Cassa
Amy DiSanto
Mary Beth Kerner
Mathew Klody
Tom Kmiecziak

Patrick Krapec
Dan O'Connor
Barb Richardt
Mary Beth Sobolewski
Rich Weigel
Matt Zurek

Absent:

Susan Fronek
Mark Jablonski
Michael Lewandowski
Dave Mankowski
Jenny Mosteller
Deacon Gregory Razka

Guests:

Drew Olejnik
Mike Budd
Maureen Cunningham
Bob Miller
Andrea Uribe
Dick Webb

I. OPENING

Evening Prayer was held in Room 24 of the Parish Center at 7:00 p.m.

II. NEW BUSINESS

The Meeting began at 7:13 p.m.

April minutes were approved by John Basile and seconded by Dan O'Connor.

School Board Update

Drew Olejnik reported on the most recent School Board meeting:

- Five new members were accepted to the School Board.
- Michael Sweeney presented a balanced budget which includes a tuition increase within the range of the school's five-year strategic plan.
- Enrollment is currently 315 for the coming school year. Pre-K 4 has opened a second classroom.
- The school plans to purchase 150 Chromebooks with the funds raised for technology at the Auction. The Chromebooks will not be brought home by students.
- A full-time Campus Minister has been hired.

Catherine Casolino asked if a different School Board member would attend the Pastoral Council meetings each month. Drew replied that the School Board plans to have only one of their members attend our meetings.

Pastor's Address

Our Peace and Social Justice Coordinator, Vicente Fernandez, and Director of Finance and Administration, Susan Fronek, will be departing from the parish staff. The Peace and Social Justice ministry will be taken on by our Parish Nurse, Sandy Razka, who will now be full-time.

Our new Campus Minister, Barbara Caruso, will begin in the fall. She will teach Junior High religion, oversee lesson plans and curriculum throughout the school, and coordinate retreats, among other responsibilities.

Fr. Gabriel also reported that Abbot Austin will arrange for Fr. Philip Timko, O.S.B. to assist us with weekend Masses and confessions.

New Pastoral Council Member Discernment

Discernment coordinator Catherine Casolino invited the Council Members, and then the discernment candidates, Mike Budd, Maureen Cunningham, Bob Miller, Andrea Uribe, and Dick Webb, to introduce themselves.

Father Gabriel explained that the roles of the Pastoral Council are envisioning and advising. Father is especially grateful for the visionary role of the council, and takes very seriously the matters, ideas, and concerns brought before him by the Council members and values their input.

Catherine thanked the candidates for being present, and they were excused. The meeting continued as executive session.

The Council members then had a discussion regarding the candidates.

Matt Zurek will call the candidates with the Council's discernment decision.

The installation of the new Council members will take place on June 9th at 9:30 Mass, followed by a brunch.

III. REMINDERS

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be on Tuesday, June 4th.

IV. CLOSING

The meeting ended at 8:44 p.m. Closing prayer was the Salve Regina.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Beth Kerner
Recording Secretary