

**Parish Council Agenda  
November 29, 2018**

Roll Call: Del Ames, Rosemary Legate, Dale Kallhoff, Nick Strom, Doug Haselhorst, Amy Baker, Larry Reuss, and Julie Harrison were present. Daryl Booth was absent.

Father Pat, Millie Clemens and Bob Eggerling, Trustees, Donna Vice, Rosary Sodality, and Roxanne McNally, Liturgy Committee were also present.

Opening Prayer by Fr. Pat

Approval of tonight's agenda

**Reports:**

1. Rosary Sodality - Donna Vice – Rosary Sodality met at the beginning of November. We would like to extend a big thank you to the Rosary Sodality for the donation of \$7,000.00 to our parish, proceeds from Fall Festival.
2. Liturgy – Roxanne McNally – The Environment Sub-Committee met. Members of the sub-committee include Dodi Jessen, Shelly Grosserode, Bev Hartz, and Leann Frey. They have made plans for Advent and Christmas décor.
3. Knights of Columbus – Dale Kallhoff – Coats for Kids was a success. Tootsie Rolls have been ordered for next year's fundraiser. One Rose One Life Cards have been ordered. One Life One Rose is tentatively set for January 19 and 20. Dale has accepted the role as the Community Leader for Faith in Action. There will be training for the leaders of Faith, Family, Community and Life in the form of webinars.
4. CCD – Amy Baker – Christmas Program is scheduled for Wednesday, December 12 at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome!
5. Pope John School – Father Pat – Pope John is developing eLearning, an avenue for students to make up snow days from home. Many Pope John students, through school, attended the movie Gosnell.
6. Maintenance – Del Ames, Larry Reuss, Doug Haselhorst
  - a. Outside Sign update – Larry – New light bulbs for the sign will be here Monday, December 2.
  - b. Caulking-sidewalks – Larry – Approximately ½ the sidewalks are done. We will wait until spring to complete the other half.
  - c. Bell-Tower-update – Del – New light bulbs arrived. Don Zegers will install as able.
  - d. Fixing Pew-Kneelers – Del – Troy Shabram fabricated new braces in the past, and they were located. Ron Gilg will install and fix the remaining pews.
  - e. Update on Ten Commandments – Del – Troy Shabram will weld a frame for the Ten Commandments, and he and Lavern Mitchell will attempt to save them.
  - f. Update on Long Range Maintenance Projects – Del – Del and Larry are working on the lighting for the Blessed Mother statue. Dale Kallhoff and Doug Haselhorst will be working on the ceiling fans. In January Del will form a task team to identify and decide how to address maintenance issues. The concrete and the carpet are at the top of the list of concerns right now.
7. Pastor's Report – Father Pat
  - a. Finance – We are behind one month on the Pope John assessment, but the donation from Rosary Sodality will be of help. Dale Kallhoff suggested a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection once a month for the blue Pope John envelopes.
  - b. Pastoral Planning – Bob Eggerling – The new pastoral planning has had two meetings, and there are two more meetings to come. The next one is January 26<sup>th</sup>. St. Francis will host. The focus of the meetings is, how we are going to function

with 4 priests for 8 parishes becoming 2 priests for eight parishes. This change is down the road, but we need to be pro-active, and have a plan. The meetings have been regarding mostly statistical information right now. Pastoral planning is brainstorming on collaboration of the eight parishes. The future need and goal is for each parish to have at least one mass per weekend. We may need to complete a re-registration of the entire parish to gain a clear picture.

- c. PJ XXIII/St. Boniface Planning Task Force – The task force met on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, and will meet again January 12. The task force is considering combining St. Boniface and Pope John. They will also likely consider new ways to help fund the school, and perhaps re-work the assessment to the parishes formula.
- d. Archbishop's Annual Appeal - We have met the monetary goal of \$8,695.37. In fact, we have exceeded it at \$9,367.00. However, we have not met the participation goal of percentage of families contributing of 20.4%, with only 14.3% participating so far. The Appeal continues. So, we still have time to reach that goal.
- e. Misc. items
  - i. Mass Survey - Results of all eight parishes have not yet been tabulated. However 140 surveys were completed by St. Francis, 36 of those were completed by St. Francis parishioners attending Our Lady of Mt. Carmel that week.
  - ii. Confession times – For Advent, Father Pat will offer more confession times in the evenings from 7-8 p.m. He may consider a penance service for Lent.
  - iii. Christmas book – Father asked for the Council's input on a Christmas present to the parish, a book called Signs of Life by Scott Hahn. The Council was unanimous in its support of this idea.

**New Business:**

- a. Next meeting will be Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

Merry Christmas to all!!

Closing Prayer by Julie Harrison

Meeting Adjourned