

**St. Joan of Arc Pastoral Council**  
**Meeting Minutes version 2**  
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7PM, Wednesday, October 26, 2016  
SJA Library

<b>Present:</b> DeAngelis, T Deiling, B Milunic, M Phillippy, J Stickler, C Willey, K Yakstis, C Fr. Arena Sr. Eileen Dr. Hasson	<b>Absent:</b> Horstman, A Sheehan, D Wright, C Fr. Sceski
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**Opening Prayer offered by Fr. Arena (7:05)**

**Sister Parish in Haiti - J Phillippy (7:07)**

- Fr. Sceski visited Our Lady of Lourdes parish in Tarasse, Haiti October 17-21
- Fr. intends to speak about his experience at all Masses weekend of October 29/30
  - Fr. supports the parish relationship and desires for a Haiti committee to be formed
  - The relationship between 2 parishes will be an expression of Church not simply philanthropy
  - The Haiti committee may receive assistance from the following Growing into Christ commissions:
    - Outreach – headed by Martha Rupert
    - Stewardship – headed by Rick Barger

**Growing into Christ – J Phillippy (7:11)**

- Thony Crum-Ewing has accepted a chair of Evangelization and Faith Formation commission
- The Council President will remain in contact with G.I.C. commission chairs throughout the year, and between each pastoral council meeting, to ensure topics from our commission and ministry work are given the opportunity to be raised and communicated when needed. G.I.C. commission chairs are never expected to attend pastoral council meetings, but will be welcomed if needed and desired.

**Mass times during priest retreat – K Wiley (7:13)**

- During a recent weeklong priest retreat the daily Mass schedule was adjusted. People came to Mass at wrong times because of lack of notifications
- Bulletin was clear, but there were no physical signs on the Church
- T DeAngelis supported multiple ways of communicating schedule changes during these annual retreats
  - Placing signs on doors the weekend before the retreat
  - Pulpit announcement directing parishioners to consult the bulletin
  - Bulletin and blog announcements
- Dr. Hasson will communicate Mass schedule changes for next year's retreat

**Handicapped parking followup – K Wiley (7:22)**

- Inquired whether additional spaces (whether temporary or permanent) were being pursued
  - No progress as of present
- Sr. Eileen shared she has recently experienced a lack of handicapped spots in the rectory parking lot during Masses
- Parking spaces on Glenn Rd or behind St. Lucy house would be insufficient because of limited space
- B. Deiling to temporarily post 4 additional spots to rectory parking lot the weekend of Nov 12/13
  - B. Deiling to make bulletin announcement and consult parish disabilities advocate, Lisa Kronmuller

**Blue Ribbon Award – Sr. Eileen (7:30)**

- SJA school awarded Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. Students watched the announcement via the Cafeteria projector, celebrating with balloons and cake
- SJA is 1 of 50 private schools in the country to receive this award, which is based on accomplishments
- PA House and Senate acknowledged the school at the State Capitol
  - Present were Deb Rizzotto, Sr. Eileen, Susan Hampton, Livia Riley, and Margaret Barrett
- Fr. Sceski is supportive of celebrating with a festivity
- The Catholic Witness will feature St. Joan of Arc's accomplishment following the two-day awards ceremony in Washington, D.C., later this fall.
- Susan Hampton spearheaded this initiative

**Festival Chair – B Deiling (7:36)**

- B Deiling stepping down as festival chair after 5 years
- New chair is sought
  - Assistance will be offered for a smooth transition
  - The scope of the work as well as the timelines have been compiled to assist new chair with running the 2017 festival
  - B Deiling commends the decision for the parish budget to lower festival income from the previous levels

**Pastoral Council Membership – J Phillippy (7:47)**

- J Phillippy to outreach with the parish via 1 page bulletin announcement seeking 5 more members for pastoral council.
- Process for adding new members will be accomplished over 1 or 2 council meetings, with new members officially starting their term July 1.

**American Girl Doll Fashion Show – Sr. Eileen (7:49)**

- There were 4 American Girl Doll Fashion shows at the school over the course of a weekend.
- It was a big community event which required many hours of planning and coordination
- Deb Rizzotti spearheaded this very successful fundraiser

**Closing Prayer offered by Fr. Arena (7:54)****Next Meeting:**

- Tentatively scheduled 1/17/2017. Location TBD.