

**St. Joan of Arc
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2014**

In Attendance: Jackie Abel, Pete Bowman, Father Burger, Tom DeAngelis, Brian Deiling, Connie Egan, Sister Eileen, Denise Grudi, Dr. Rodrigue Mortel, Andrea Neves, Susan Petrina, John Phillippy, Father Sahd, Karen Willey.

Absent: Jamieson Gill, Denise McCracken, Pat Mooney, Martha Rupert

Opening Prayer & Meeting Minutes Approval

The Pastoral Council members opened the meeting with the prayer service provided by Fr. Burger.

The August 2014 meeting minutes were approved with the following changes:

- Correction of funds used to pay off parish debt.
- Correction to the spelling of Father Chuk's name.

Pete Bowman motioned to approve the minutes. Susan Petrina seconded the motion.

John Phillippy reminded everyone that the goal of the pastoral council is to play an advisory role to the pastor. He invited everyone to bring to our attention when we go off an agenda item that does not fall within those terms.

Growing Into Christ

Summary of Growing Into Christ goals accomplished within each commission. *(Handout)*

Brian Deiling proposed considering recruiting for all commissions as members are scarce in each of the commissions. It was reiterated the purpose of the commissions was to help unify and support all of the ministries within each commission. The intention was for the ministry head of each individual ministry under the commission to serve on that corresponding commission. Meetings were to be held on the month's that there was not a pastoral council meeting scheduled.

Suggestions made: Evaluate what are the challenges and problems within the commissions in the last two years that have caused people to drop off of the commissions. Consider hosting another town meeting to gather people, explain each of the commissions objectives and then recruit volunteers for each of them. It was noted that before the town meeting happened, the pastoral council identified and invited select parishioners to serve on a particular commission. Though there are active ministries, there is a breakdown in communication from the ministries to the commissions. The commissions are meant to

serve in an advisory role to the individual ministries by offering ideas, direction and guidance.

Liturgy & Worship

Susan Petrina: Invited by Faith Formation & Evangelization to discuss merging the two commissions. A proposal was made to rename the Liturgy & Worship committee to become a commission. This will be discussed in a small group at a later date.

School Update

School Update: Enrollment is up. Modular classroom is now being used. All security doors are now installed. Each door has cameras and security locks. Ipads are being introduced. Middle States accreditation process is coming to an end. New software is being integrated for grading. \$33,000 was raised by the Race for Education. The date for the Gala is April 25th. The fence has been working well and the signs have been added.

Closing prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.

Next meeting date to be announced.



St. Joan of Arc

Vision & Plan for Positive Change (What we are aiming for)

The great majority of St. Joan of Arc parishioners...

- Participating more enthusiastically at Sunday Mass, praying, singing, growing in faith, and welcoming all.
Liturgy & Worship
- Learning, living and witnessing more vibrantly as disciples of Christ through daily prayer, retreats, small groups, and faith formation programs.
Evangelization & Faith Formation
- Building closer friendships with each other as a faith family through the Neighborhood Christian Communities and other community building efforts.
Community Life
- Caring more deeply for those within the parish that need special assistance and reaching out to help the needy in the community and around the world.
Pastoral Care & Outreach
- Serving actively and giving generously to improve parish facilities and strengthen parish ministries, enabling the parish to truly thrive.
Stewardship & Development